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## STARS VIE FOR PLACES AS PHILIPS LEAGUE KICKS OFF

**Branko Buljevic or George Campbell, Bertie Lutton or Steve Blair, George Christopoulos or Duncan Cummings?**

South Melbourne coach John Margaritis faces those difficult choices as he tries to decide on the team that will meet Marconi at Middle Park on Sunday in the first round of the 1981 PSL.

Four of the six are one is a former Irish international (Lutton) and the present or past Socceroos, and the

other (Campbell) equally as good as the rest of them.

It's good to have such talent from which to choose, but how can a club keep players of this calibre happy when they're sitting on the bench?

The main selection choices that face Marconi coach Raul Blanco are whether to use Dragan Tomasich or Paul Degney at left back and, if Mark Jankovics recovers in time from injury, whether to use him in place of Bertie Mariani.

The second of those choices is easy. Jankovics, who has played 29 games for Australia, would have to come in.

South Melbourne twice hammered Marconi last year and, despite Marconi's recent 3-1 victory over Sydney City in the charity shield match, could do so again.

South Melbourne is stronger than last year in midfield, due to the addition of two more specialist midfielders, John Stevenson and Jim Shirra, who join Billy Rogers.

Christopoulos will thus be a fourth midfielder, or he will replace Cummings in attack.

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• Campbell • Buljevic • Blair • Lutton • Cummings • Christopoulos

## Nacional: acid test for Roos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Nacional's visit to Australia next week is as much a matter of national pride as an opportunity to pick up some quick cash.**

*Uruguayans take their soccer seriously — more seriously than anything else — and so that 0-2 loss to Australia in 1974 remains a painful memory.*

**Nacional, as representative of its country, wants to remove that black spot from the record, when it meets the Socceroos at Olympic Park next Wednesday night.**

One member of the present Nacional squad — Denis Milar — was in the Uruguay team that visited Australia in 1974.

He played in the scoreless draw with Australia in front of 22,000 people at Olympic Park on April 25 and was on the bench when Australia beat Uruguay 2-0 with goals by Ray Baartz and Peter Ollerton in the return match in front of 25,708 at the Sydney Cricket Ground on April 27.

It was in that match that Baartz sustained the injury which ended his playing career — only a matter of weeks before the Socceroos were to leave for West Germany for the World Cup finals.

Nacional coach Rale Rasic claimed after the game that Uruguay defender Luis Garisto had given Baartz a "karate chop".

Garisto was sent off the field by referee Don Campbell as the Uruguayans staged a melodramatic performance, forming a huddle around striker Fernando Morena, splitting open his lip and claiming immediately that an Australian player had done it and that he should be sent off as well.

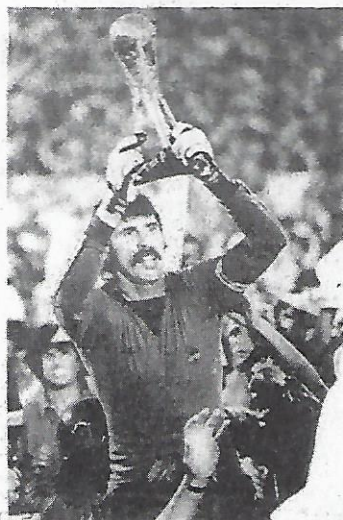
We will know tonight (Wednesday) whether Nacional is the best club team in the world. It meets Nottingham Forest in the World Club Cup match in Tokyo from 2 pm, and the match will be shown by Channel 0 from 6 pm.

But win or lose, Nacional is probably the most accomplished team to grace our shores.

Pele's Santos of 1972 and the great Brazilian team Cruzeiro of about the same era were comparable but neither was winning Cups or titles at the time the way Nacional is now.

Nacional won the Uruguay championship last year for the 33rd time since 1902 and went on to win the South American Cup as well.

In addition, five of its players were in the Uruguay national side that beat Brazil 2-1 in the recent final of the Gold Cup, a competition for all World Cup winners.



Uruguay captain Rudolfo Rodriguez, the Nacional goalkeeper, holds aloft the Gold Cup.



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## NACIONAL v. AUSTRALIA

## Meet the players

**Goalkeeper**  
**RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ.** Aged 24. Rodriguez was born in Montevideo and is Uruguay's No. 1, playing in the recent Mundialito/Gold Cup tournament. He played for Uruguay's victorious South American youth championship side in 1975 and made his league debut the following year. His agile performances against international in the Libertadores final brought offers from several top Argentine and Brazilian sides.

**Defenders**  
**MIGUEL PEREIRA.** Aged 26. Born in Artigas. A past member of the Uruguayan national squad.

**JOSE HERMES MOREIRA.** Aged 21. Right back. Played for Uruguay's South American youth champions side in 1979. Made his name as a striker — with his previous club, Danubio, but was converted by Nacional coach Mujica. Has also played stopper and sweeper. Attracted a lot of attention during the Mundialito — in which he was sent off for scuffling with Italy's Antonio Cabrini.

**JUAN CARLOS BLANCO.** Aged 34. Sweeper. From Dolores. Helped Nacional to the world club title in 1981 and then moved to Spain. Played sweeper for seven years with Zaragoza before returning to Nacional. Uruguayan International — having made his debut back in 1968.

**HUGO DE LEON.** Aged 22. Stopper. Uruguay's new Footballer of the Year, thanks in the main to his performances in the Libertadores run. Strong and athletic — ideal for his role, which usually involves following the opposing centre forward over every blade of grass.

Appeared set to join Gremio of Brazil, but a patch of poor form just before Christmas persuaded the Brazilians to delay completing the deal. Played in the Mundialito.

**WASHINGTON GONZALEZ.** Aged 24. Left back. Born in Florida (Uruguay). A South American junior champion in 1975, making his senior Uruguay debut a year later. Emerged as an iron-tackling defender during the Uruguayan European tour last spring. Another close-marking defender who likes to attack.

**DANIEL ENRIQUEZ.** Aged 22. Sweeper. Born Montevideo. Uruguayan youth international. **OSCAR AGUIRREAGARAY.** Aged 21. Stopper. Born in Artigas, though family background in Basque. Joined Nacional a year ago.

**Midfield**  
**VICTOR ESPARRAGO.** Aged 35 — club captain. Helped Uruguay to fourth place in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico and was a key player in the 1971 World Cup Cup win. First played for Uruguay as a centre forward or outside left in 1968, but left in 1972 for Spain. Lifted the little-known Huelva club into the first division for the first time in their history but returned home to Nacional two years ago.

**EDUARDO DE LA PENA.** Aged 25. Tireless international who was a regular in the Mundialito.

**Dialito.** Born in Montevideo, and made his debut for Nacional four years ago. His main job is to be Esparrago's 'legs' — fetching, carrying and covering. Dangerous long-range shot.

**ARSENIO LUZARDO.** Aged 20. Born Treintay Tres. Hit stardom in 1979 when his goal beat Argentina in the final of the South American youth championship, albeit played in the Centenario stadium. Now a full international, with a rasping shot.

**DENIS MILAR.** Aged 28. Born in Rocha. Played in Spain before 1974 and 1978. Made his name originally as a centre forward with the Liverpool club of Montevideo.

**HECTOR MOLINA.** Aged 21. Born Montevideo. Another member of the 1979 South American youth champions. **JOSE CABRERA.** Aged 23. Born Buenos Aires, Argentina. The only foreigner in the squad — and so far a perpetual reserve.

**Forwards**  
**ALBERTO BICA.** Aged 22. Outside right, born in Montevideo. A Nacional youth product. Played for both Uruguay's youth and senior sides in 1977. Very fast, ideally suited to Nacional's counter-attacking system.

**WALDEMAR VICTORINO.** Aged 23. Centre forward, born in Montevideo. Took over the mantle of Uruguay's leading domestic goal-scorer when Penarol's Fernando Morens left for Spain. Was the league's leading marksman during Nacional's recent championship win. Scored the goal which beat Internacional in the recent Libertadores final. Eyed by several Italian and Spanish clubs. Led Uruguay's attack in the Mundialito.

**DARDO PEREZ.** Aged 19. Winger, born in Montevideo. Equally happy on either wing. Played in the Canes youth tournament in 1979 and twice grabbed winning goals when called upon because of injuries or suspensions during the South American Club Cup run. **JULIO CESAR MORALES.** Aged 35. Left winger, born in Montevideo. Hangs back in midfield to help organise the team. The third member of the victorious 1971 World Cup team still playing for Nacional.

## Prepared for any 'war'

The five are goalkeeper **Rodolfo Rodriguez**, centre back **Hugo de Leon**, midfielder **Eduardo de la Pena** and forwards **Waldemar Victorino** and **Julio Cesar Morales**.

Victorino scored one of the goals in the final, and with a total of three, he was top scorer in the series.

And so the bulk of the Nacional side has taken on the cream of the world's soccer — Brazil, West Germany, Holland, Italy and Argentina — and won!

What a test for the Socceroos!

It is not, however, a hopeless task. Australians always find vast reserves

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of energy and talent in big matches, as they did in 1974 when no-one expected them to beat Uruguay.

Playing the game in Melbourne is a big advantage for Olympic Park is the players' favorite venue.

Rale Rasic plotted the 1974 victory by instructing his men to mark tightly, hassle the man with the ball and close down all space. The Uruguayans got frustrated, lost their tempers and took their mind off the game.

The present-day Socceroos could achieve the same results, but they must be warned. They are

up against seasoned gladiators who have been subjected to every tactic in the book. The South American Cup fully tested their ability to withstand every type of opposition.

Says club secretary Cesar Aroztegui: "Understand this: the South American Cup is not so much about football, it is like a war! Because we are a famous club, because we have been winners, all the other teams are desperate to beat us, and they try a lot of different means, not all of them fair."

"Our younger players would not be able to cope with the tension on the

pitch or the atmosphere of the stadium, or the sort of provocative tactics we have to put up with were it not for the senior men."

These older players are sweeper **Juan Carlos Blanco**, 32, captain **Victor Esparrago**, 35, and forwards **Victorino**, 28, and **Morales**, 35.

"But just because we have some veterans," says Aroztegui, "no-one should make the mistake of thinking we are in any way short of fitness. I think Nacional is the fittest team in South America, and I think we showed the rest of the world, in the Mundialito, that Uruguayan football is now catching up on Europe fast in terms of pace."

## Cole, Sharne get help

## IT'S ON TV

Rudi Gutendorf gets the chance to study Uruguayan club Nacional on TV before it comes to Melbourne to play against the Socceroos next Wednesday night.

Channel 0 will cover Nacional's clash with Nottingham Forest for the World Club Cup in Tokyo today (Wednesday).

The station will take a satellite transmission of the match, which starts at 2 pm Australian time, and will put it to air from 6 pm to 7.30 p.m.

Channel 0 also will cover the match between Nacional and Australia next Wednesday night. This will go to air the following day, Thursday, at 10 pm.

Meanwhile, Channel 0 has finalised preparations for its Philips League programme, which will be shown every Friday from 6.30 pm.

The first show, on Friday week, will feature highlights of three matches — South Melbourne v. Marconi (commentator Les Murray), Adelaide City v. Sydney City (Tom McKain) and Newcastle KB v. Footscray (David Fordham).

Les Murray will host the show until English commentator Hugh Johns arrives in May. Johns who covered the Socceroos' world tour for Channel 0, will stay until August and probably return late in the year to commentate the Philips Cup final.



Eddie Krncevic

The Socceroos' match against Nacional at Olympic Park next Wednesday will be their last before their opening World Cup qualifying game against New Zealand in Auckland on April 25.

In the light of Rudi Gutendorf's stated intentions, his team should be: Alan Maher — Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Murray Barnes, Jim Tansey — Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson, Ken Boden — Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic.

But it's possible that Greg Woodhouse will play in place of Maher and Steve Hogg in place of Perry.

The most significant aspect of the test is the placing of Davidson in midfield rather than at left back. Gutendorf was impressed by Davidson's performance at right midfield for Victoria in its 1-1 draw with Dinamo Zagreb.

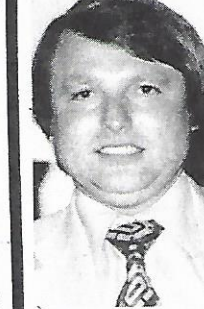
He can win the ball from opponents, he has the poise to hold the ball when necessary and the flair to play an incisive forward pass.

Peter Sharne and Gary Cole need such passes to make use of their speed in breakaways.

I hope Eddie Krncevic manages to get into the penalty area more often in this match. He does a good job chasing back and heading clear in defence, but in doing so he severely limits his scoring opportunities.

In the air, he represents the team's best chance of scoring. The Socceroos will play their usual way, with the forwards chasing back to pick up opponents. Attacks will come in breakaways via Cole or Sharne, or through the individual brilliance of Ken Boden.

Nacional however, also is a counter-attack team, so this match suits neither side. If Nacional does stand back, it should give the Socceroos an idea of what it will be like against visiting World Cup opponents, who will play exactly that way. — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Scheinflug full-time

Les Scheinflug (pictured) has been appointed full-time assistant to Rudi Gutendorf for the 1981-82 World Cup year.

The Socceroos will have two training camps in Sydney in April before their World Cup game against New Zealand in Auckland on April 25.

The squad will assemble at the Bel-Air Motel in Maroubra from April 6 and April 13, for three and a half days each time.



Nacional's star striker Waldemar Victorino scores with a flying header for Uruguay in its recent 2-0 victory over Holland.

## \$100,000 A MONTH TO KEEP ON GOING

Nacional was on the brink of bankruptcy a year ago.

Several directors had been arrested over major debts incurred by the club.

It appeared most of the club's stars would have to be sold abroad to raise the necessary cash, but the money came instead from winning the Copa Libertadores, the South American Cup.

Club secretary Cesar Aroztegui told journalist Keir Radnedge in the magazine "World Soccer": "I admit it. We do need cash. For the sake of the future of the club this team must go on winning. When the present board took over a year ago the club was being pressed to pay up immediately on debts of \$600,000."

"We managed to keep everyone happy and of course this past year's victories have helped our bank balance. But our overheads are very high."

"For example, it costs us \$100,000 a month just to keep the club running, with our facilities — training grounds and tennis courts and member's facilities — in Montevideo, and the first team training centre outside the city."

## LIKELY LINE-UP

Rodolfo RODRIGUEZ	Juan Carlos BLANCO	Washington GONZALEZ
Hugo de LEON	Eduardo de la PENA	Arsenio LUZARDO
Victor ESPARRAGO	Waldemar VICTORINO	Julio Cesar MORALES
Alberto BICA		

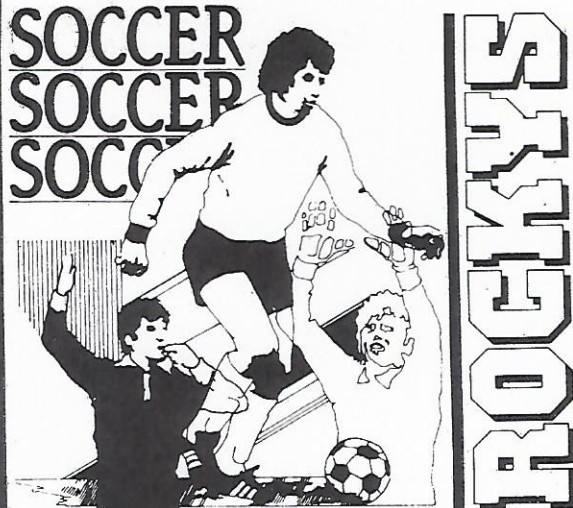


Nacional mid-

## TITLES GALORE

Founded: May 14, 1899.  
 World Club Cup: 1971.  
 Inter-American Cup: 1971.  
 South American Club Cup: 1971 and 1980. Runners-up 1964, 1967, 1969.  
 Uruguayan champions: 1902, 1903, 1912, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1933, 1934, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1963, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1977, 1980 (33 times).  
 Copa Montevideo: 1963, 1969, 1970.

Trofeo Teresa Herrera (La Coronel): 1958.  
 Trofeo Costa del Sol (Malaga): 1972.  
 Stadio: Big matches at the Estadio Centenario (71,000 capacity). Own ground the Gran Parque Central (20,000).  
 "Two teams from Uruguay enter the South American Club Cup (the Copa Libertadores) — the champions and one other club, sometimes the runner-up, sometimes designated by a separate tournament. Hence Nacional's participation when not champions of Uruguay."

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The tickets must be used in the period 1 November, 1981 to 1 April, 1982.

## THE FIRST ROUND

Philips League first-round matches with likely winners in capitals: IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. Marconi at Middle Park, Sunday 3pm.  
PRESTON v. Canberra City at Connor Reserve, Reservoir, Sunday 3pm.

IN SYDNEY

Blacktown v. BRISBANE LIONS at Gabbie Stadium, Saturday 5pm.  
Leichhardt v. HEIDELBERG at Lambert Park, Sunday 3pm.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide City v. SYDNEY CITY at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG CITY v. Sydney Olympic at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday 3pm.

IN NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE KB UTD v. Footscray at International Sports Centre, Sunday 3pm.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE CITY v. West Adelaide at Spencer Park, Sunday 2pm.

# PRESTON TO BULLDOZE CANBERRA?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

One of the biggest crowds of the day will pack into Connor Reserve this Sunday to watch Preston Rams play their first PSL match against the Canberra Arrows.

Canberra, under new coach George Murray, will confront Preston under a cup final atmosphere as at least 10,000 fervent local supporters urge their side on to great heights.

Preston will hope for big things from Scottish import Douglas Brown. Only 22, the hard shooting Brown has been with Aberdeen, Clydebank, Sheffield United and Stranraer. He's a brash, confident player who earned the nickname of "Netzer" at Aberdeen after the great West German international Guenther Netzer.

Canberra coach Murray knew Brown at Aberdeen and he has a high opinion of the Scot's capabilities.

"Brown's got a terrific shot with both feet and he only needs a sight at goal to have a go," said Murray.

Murray has been here for a month in charge of a Canberra squad which has lost Danny Moulis to Sydney Olympic and Mike Milovanovic to Blacktown without buying replacements.

So last year's squad which finished tenth in a 14 team league faces up to an enlarged 16 team league and many opposing sides which have been strengthened by new signings.

Canberra has a better PSL record away from home so Preston won't want to take the Arrows lightly.

Canberra left back Harry Williams will find Preston's dynamic Rob Cullen a handful.

Cullen could have made a name for himself in the PSL a couple of years ago but his decision to stay with Preston is about to pay off. He's fast, aggressive and fearless and his non-stop running will worry the life out of the Canberra back four.

Williams is without doubt one of the finest full backs to have worn the yellow and gold for Australia but he will need all of his experience to keep Cullen in check.

There should be a few bone crunching exchanges in midfield when Preston captain George McMillan gets into full swing.

McMillan is a tireless worker who will pose a threat to Canberra's defence.



Steve Beech

Big Mac's good in the air and has a withering burst of speed when his long legs get into full stride.

Preston coach Brian Edgley has switched last year's sweeper Gordon Flavell to right back with the reliable Steve Beech at left back.

Ljube Petrovski is the sweeper, a position in which he excelled during last year's Victorian Cup.

Makedonia is trying to sign Paul Dri-nozky from Victorian Metro League club Melbourne but it seems that John Higham will be the strong man at the heart of the back four.

Preston probably will strengthen its side before the second PSL game but at home against Canberra the fanatical cries of the local supporters should urge the home side on to victory.

Probable teams:

PRESTON: Lou Kastner, Gordon Flavell, Ljube Petrovski, John Higham, Steve Beech, Jeff Faulkner, George McMillan, Doug Brown, Claude Lucchesi, Rob Cullen, Peter O'Brien.  
CANBERRA: Richard Wilson, Rob O'Shea, Roy Stark, Mike Griffin.

## Blanco can blossom at Marconi

By ROGER SHERACK

Most soccer fans were surprised when Raul Blanco landed the plum coaching job at Marconi after plummeting to relegation with troubled St. George.

Well, let me tell you, I wasn't.

Many have felt shocked that a coach with such poor 1980 credentials would even bother to ask for another job. Many suggested that his style would not suit Marconi.

Some even said: "Blanco who?"

So very few remembered the time when Blanco was so successful with the Melita Eagles. Melita was a delight to watch, and I am sure that Mr Said, the Eagles President or Mr Vella, the editor of the Maltese Herald, would agree that it was Raul Blanco who created the most successful Eagles side in more than ten years.

Going from Melita Eagles to St George was not a simple matter of walking across town and creating another miracle. No one in this world has the magic wand which cures the ills of a struggling soccer team. Saints were doomed and that was that.

How many critics have remembered the success that Blanco achieved with the Saints during their struggle at the end of the 1979 season. How many of you have been at the Marconi Stadium to see that last goal by Peter Katholos that sunk Olympic and kept Saints in the National League.

Blanco was hailed as the saviour of a great club.

Then the inevitable demise followed.

Players were looking for a better deal since Saints could not afford them! The O'Shea brothers went to Canberra City, Phil O'Connor went to Leichhardt and George Harris to Blacktown City. Martin Coe departed for the warmer climate of Brisbane and the team was in ruins.

Blanco was given two years to restructure the team while the officialdom decided to pay their attention to building their pride and joy, a beautiful stadium at Barton Park. Much money and effort was channelled towards the facilities, and the club must be commended for that, but rebuilding a side that has lost key players was not that easy.

And remember one thing.

The side that lost key players was still one of the worst in the Philips League. So what does that leave us with. Complete reshuffle and wholesale changes with no star player in site to be purchased. Those who were available were not of great class, but Blanco had to act quickly.

He bought Peter Beggs, John Davies, Billy Griffith and a number of others.

Who would have thought that Beggs, the pride and joy of Sutherland and the NSW State team would have such a disastrous season? Who would have believed that Davies, Paul Kay, Rudi Gnani and Katholos would fail to produce results. In defence Mike Fraser suffered an eye injury to add to the troublesome situation and a few points that would have mattered in the end slipped away.

Believe me, this is not an ode to Blanco. He made some mistakes along the way. He might have insisted on attractive football at times when a point would have sufficed, he might have believed too much in the value of Gnani, or Dougie Utjes-novic and others and in the end he paid for it.

He was hit with little less than a sledge hammer in the press and was blamed for everything that happened at St George. The last year and the year before and the one before that.

The news that Blanco was accepted at Marconi pleased me immensely. I have always believed in his ability and to know that Marconi, with the best of coaches since the inception of the Philips League (Messrs Rasic and Scheinflug) had chosen to have Blanco in 1981 only supported my belief in his worth.



Raul Blanco



## Free tickets to the big game

Like to go to the South Melbourne v Marconi match free of charge on Sunday?

Fifty tickets to the game are available through "Soccer Action".

They will go to the first 50 people to ring 534 5048 between 10 am to 1 pm for as long as they last.

## Battle of stars

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Alun Evans is the central striker and either Buljevic or Campbell will play on the left.

Margaritis was able to fit in both of them last year by playing Campbell behind the forwards, as an attacking midfielder, but there aren't any midfield vacancies this year. He may of course, use Campbell on the left and push Buljevic into the middle with Evans.

In defence, Arthur Xanthopoulos is assured of his position, but the other centre-back post is being contested by Luton who starred last year as sweeper, and Blair who played for Australia recently against Dynamo Zagreb.

Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson remain the full backs and Peter Laumets appears to be holding off Lou Tsigaras's challenge for the goalkeeper's position.

Scottish recruit Robert Stewart and speedy Steve Kakantonis also are in the running for places in the team.

at least bring the best out of all the players against Marconi on Sunday.

Blanco has been trying to change Marconi's style a little. He is trying to replace some of the impetuosity with more patience and composure.

Probable teams:

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Peter Laumets — Vince Bannon, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Steve Blair, Alan Davidson — John Stevenson, Jim Shirra, Billy Rogers — George Christopoulos, Alun Evans, Branko Buljevic. Also available: George Campbell, Duncan Cummings, Bertie Luton, Steve Kakantonis, Robert Stewart, Lou Tsigaras.

MARCONI: Allan Maher — Peter Brogan, Jim Muir, Ivo Prskalo, Dragan Tomasich — Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Raskopoulos Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Jankovics or Bertie Mariani.

Also available: Dennis Colusso, Paul Degney, Ron Corry.

The competition should — LAURIE SCHWAB

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# Newcastle the whisper for the title

If there is a championship favorite so early in the season, it must be Newcastle KB United.

Already they have trounced Canberra City 3-0 in the first leg of their annual Prime Minister's Cup challenge and they had an easy 3-0 victory over 1980 titleholder Sydney City.

So Sunday's encounter with Footscray should hold no fears for them.

Sydney City didn't have John Kosmina, John Spanos or Ian Bruce for the game against Newcastle, but then Newcastle played without Paul Rea-

ney, Ian Buckley, Bob Mountford, David Jones and Malcolm McClelland!

Graeme Heys, playing as striker rather than on the wing, scored two goals and Joe Senkalski got the other one.

Jones, McClelland and Paul Burrows got the goals against Canberra.

In an earlier practice match, Newcastle beat Melita Eagles 2-0 with goals by Senkalski and McClelland.

That's some record so far!

Footscray has been playing only against local teams like Altona Gate and Broadmeadows. It still has a disturbing lack of fire power in attack, but is able to hold possession for long periods due to its ball skills.

The club continues to search for new players. Negotiations are going on with a couple of Englishmen, hopes are high about at least one Yugoslav but youth international Oscar Crino seems to have slipped past Footscray's grasp.

Paul Simic, a reserve for most of last year, seems to have established

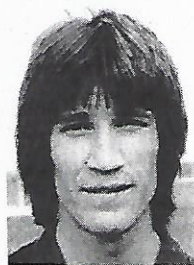


himself firmly in the senior team as a forward. Dragan Vasic, Bruno Cozzella, even perhaps Tom Vukovic, will be the other front runner, and the remaining thrust will come from a four-man midfield made up probably of Zoran Ilioski, Joe Picioane, Slobodan Jovanovic and Vlatko Belic.

The absence of Zdravko Lujic will be sorely felt.



Joe Senkalski



Paul Simic

He is back in Yugoslavia and there is no indication about whether he will return.

Kiri Kyriakoules and Jim Kondarios are the centre backs and the backbone of the team. They will face the full force of Newcastle's attacks via Heys, Jones and midfielders Joe Senkalski and Steve Sumner.

Probably teams:

**NEWCASTLE:** Phil Dando — Paul Renny, Ray Drinkwater, Arno Bertogna, Col Curran — Joe Senkalski, Steve Sumner, Craig Mason — Graeme Heys, Bob Mountford, David Jones. Also available: Ian Buckley, Paul Burrows, John Sneddon.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Dennis Boland — Sean Parton, Kiri Kyriakoules, Jim Kondarios, Jim Milne — Zoran Ilioski, Joe Picioane, Vlatko Belic, Slobodan Jovanovic — Dragan Vasic, Paul Simic. Also available: Chris Petrov, Bruno Cozzella, Tom Vukovic.

## Shorrock quits, blasts Footscray

After a fortnight in the job Footscray eagles PSL secretary Les Shorrock has resigned.

Shorrock's loss follows the end of the reign of long serving president Tony Kovac, now on the Eagles committee.

Shorrock threw in the towel in despair at the club's inability to fill the gaps in what he describes as "a threadbare squad last year."

"In the 1980 Victoria Cup Final Footscray was beaten by Preston's reserve line-up and the writing was plainly on the wall then. All the work to rebuild the squad should have been done before Christmas."

"The facilities at Scintler Reserve have been improved by a hard working group of volunteers. Unfortunately the same can't be said about the team."

"I find it impossible to work under the circumstances."

"Everytime I find a local player the coach (Cedo Cirkovic) knocks him back because he says he's not up to PSL standard."

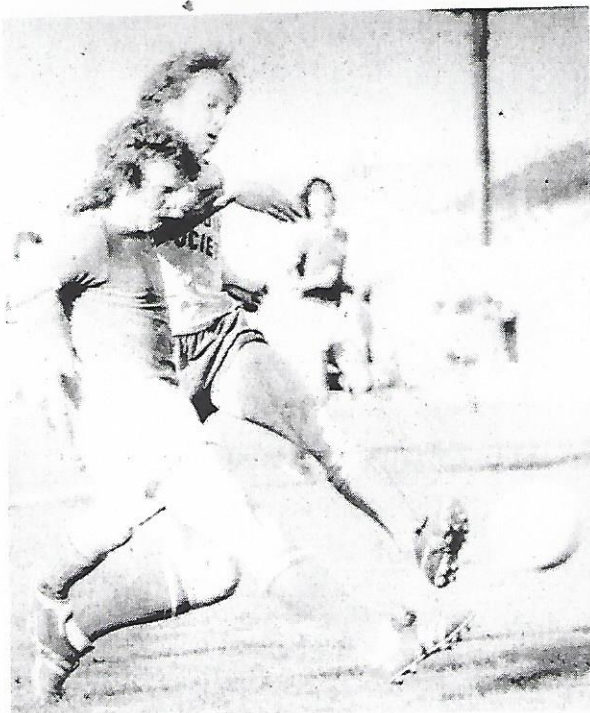
"Footscray's side isn't up to PSL standard and quite frankly I don't think the present side would do well in the State League."

"Zdravko Lujic has gone back to Yugoslavia. Mirko Ruljevic, Jim O'Reilly and Steve Potter are transfer listed and Jim Milne isn't happy and wants to join a club in a lower league. Zoran Ilioski was persuaded to stay for the sake of the Macedonian supporters."

"In the fortnight I'd been in the job I'd tried to sign Derek Menzies, an 18 year old Scottish striker and I had contacted Nottingham Forest chairman Geoffrey Meperson and was arranging for two top English professionals to come to Footscray."

"I did everything possible to sign Australian youth team members Oscar Crino and John Little."

"When I arranged for Frank Mussel from Sunshine and Ajax's Dave Perkin to try out with Footscray the coach rejected them because he didn't think they were up to PSL standard. Surely they would have been an improvement on



Blacktown's new signing Branko Culina (left) playing with Essendon Croatia in a 1978 Victorian State League encounter against Frankston City.

## Culina in for tough time against Lions

In a last-minute flurry of activity, Rale Rasic has signed Sydney Croatia's Branko Culina and has been haggling for Canberra's Terry Byrne to provide Blacktown City with a forward line.

Craig Wallace also has been signed. Wallace was a team-mate of Culina's at Essendon Croatia, he had stints with Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions and trialled unsuccessfully with Newcastle last year.

Rasic was hoping to field a Culina — Byrne — Djordjevic attack but it all depends on what happens before the weekend.

Canberra's asking price for Byrne has fluctuated from \$8000 to \$25,000 and at Press time no deal had been made.

Culina cost Blacktown close to \$9000.

If he and Wallace (or Neil Manning) prove successful on the flanks, and if Byrne is bought, we may see star recruit Jovan Djordjevic switch to left back, the position at present contested by Steve Pollard and Tony Rasmussen.

Wallace, incidentally, has been playing in the US lately, with San Diego. He certainly gets around.

Whatever forward line Rasic decides upon will take time to become effective, so Blacktown supporters have little reason to expect victory against Brisbane Lions at Gabbie Stadium on Saturday.

The match, which kicks off at 5 pm, is the first of the 1981 PSL season, as the rest of round one will be played the following day.

Blacktown's practice match form has been far from encouraging.

Results have been: v Leichhardt 0-2, Melita Eagles 2-3, Arncliffe Scots 2-1, Yugal 5-1 and Canberra City 2-5.

Brisbane Lions, which last year had to rely so heavily on lone striker Ron Millman, now has a partner for him — Bobby Ferris, from Scottish club Clyde.

Another newcomer is Jim Maclean, a Scot who played for Morton and Dundee and more recently for Rangers Freja in Denmark. Maclean joins Gerry Lindsay and Steve Hogg in midfield.

But Lions' main strength, their defence, remains unchanged: Paul Ontong, Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett, Alan Niven, and Tony Scanlan and Nigel Lownds vying for the goalkeeping position.

Niven is the Cinderella of the back four, always overshadowed by the more



Craig Wallace

illustrious trio beside him when it comes to praise and publicity.

But Niven is as important to the Lions defence as the other three. He is hard as nails, desperate when he has to be and he is good going forward.

If Culina plays, it will be a tough debut for him.

Culina learned his soccer with the juniors of the Croatia Melbourne club which was expelled from the Victorian Soccer Federation in 1972.

He switched to Metropolitan League club St. Albans, before moving on to Essendon Croatia, then managed by his old mentor, Tony Vrzina.

Early-season indications are that neither Blacktown nor Lions will have much effect on the fight for the championship. Lions should finish about mid-table, slightly above Blacktown unless Rasic's coaching produces a few miracles.

Probably teams:

**BLACKTOWN:** Bruce James — Robert Wharley, Mike Milovanovic, Cliff Pointer, Steve Pollard or Tony Rasmussen — Ricc Hormazabal, Stewart Salvage, Brian O'Donnell — Branko Culina, Jovan Djordjevic, Neil Manning or Craig Wallace. Also available: Carlos Ortega and perhaps Terry Byrne.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Nigel Lownds or Tony Scanlan — Paul Ontong, Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston, Alan Niven — Steve Hogg, Gerry Lindsay, Jim Maclean — Ron Millman.

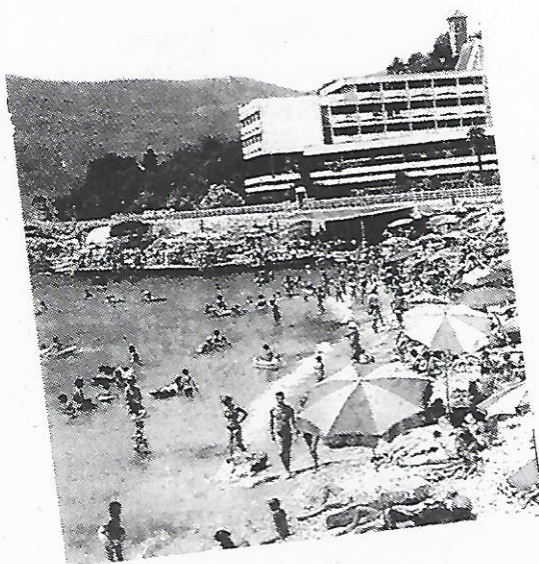
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## WE WERE WRONG

"Soccer Action" apologises for reporting that the Canberra v Newcastle Philips Cup match was to be played last



# 'Gong hits top gear, Dockerty axes five



Supporters carry Con Kambas on their shoulders after West Adelaide had won the 1978 Philips League championship.

## Kambas and Pillans back

West Adelaide should beat Brisbane City at City's new Spencer Park Stadium on Sunday. Just ask Wests' coach Billy Birch.

'Brisbane City aren't that good a side but the only thing that bothers me is the possibility of home town refereeing,' said Birch.

'We should do well against them provided the ref doesn't lean too much their way. If that's the case then we'll just have to keep our mouths shut and get on with the game'.

'I've had experiences up there before. It seems worse there than in Melbourne or Sydney where you usually get a fair go from the refs,' he added.

But Wests won't have things all their own way if pre-season form is any guide.

Joe Palinkas is in great touch and looks like repaying the \$18,000 which City gave Footscray for him. Former Blacktown striker Paul Wilkinson, alongside Scottish import John McVeigh, looks ready to hit the goal trail.

Wests' defence will be strengthened by the return of Con Kambas who played for South Australian State League side Port Adelaide last year.

Kambas will lineup behind the tall Dave Pillans who was used in attack in Wests' 1978 PSL side. Birch is pleased with Pillans' efforts at the back this year.

The probable loss of the injured Martyn Crook would be a blow if not for the scintillating form and maturity shown by 15-year-old keeper Dave Millar.

The youngster has played in Wests' past five games and Birch is confident that Millar can fill in if necessary.

Crook is suffering from a back injury. A disc in his lower back has moved and he has to strengthen the surrounding muscles before being ready to play.

Wests have signed Gordon Haig, a 22-year-old left back from South Aus-



tralian State Leagues team Campbelltown. His inclusion in the first eleven has made way for Vic Bozanic to push up and add much needed steel to Wests' midfield.

But Wests won't get much change out of City's back four.

David Ratcliffe will give Manecas a torrid time and if the lanky Portuguese striker gets past Ratcliffe he'll come up against former Eire international Jimmy Dunne.

Dunne is keen to establish himself in PSL ranks.

His first year in Australia, with Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax, was highly successful. Dunne was the 1980 Bill Fleming Medal winner and 'Soccer Action's' State League best player.

Similar success in the PSL would be a fitting climax to a fine career spanning many years at the top level of British professional football with English club Fulham.

Brisbane City should christen Spencer Park Stadium with a win but Wests are on the road back to the aggressive, hard running style which reaped the 1978 PSL title.

Kambas and Pillans are untried PSL defensive duo and may need more time to knit together as a tight combination.

There won't be much time to sort things out as Palinkas flashes past.

**Probable teams:**  
**BRISBANE CITY:** Kim Wishart — Steve Perry, Jimmy Dunne, David Ratcliffe, Bill Wilkinson — Frank Pimblett, Larry Gaffney, Bobby Hamilton — Joe Palinkas, Paul Wilkinson, John McVeigh.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Dave Millar — Peter Rymaszyn, Con Kambas, Dave Pillans, Gordon Haig — Peter Boyle, Neil McGachy, Ian McGreggor, Vic Bozanic — Manecas, Graham Norris.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**

Not even the guile of Tommy Dockerty can prevent a Wollongong victory over Sydney Olympic in the clash between the PSL newcomers at Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday.

And last-minute reinforcements Alex Jamieson, Tommy Gavin and David Cork probably won't help much either.

Ken Morton's Wollongong Wolves have been playing too well to be beaten when it counts, even if they do have to do without Peter Willis.

Willis, the former Newcastle KB full back whom Morton brought with him from Hobart, will be out for at least six weeks, having had half a big toe cut off by a motor mower.

In a practice match, Wollongong lost 0-2 to Newcastle but even Tommy Dockerty, who watched the game, thought Wollongong deserved at least a draw.

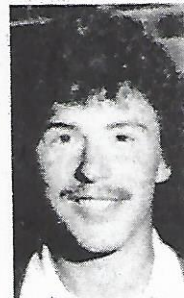
In the Harrigan Ford competition between local clubs, the Wolves beat Wollongong United 3-0 and Fairy Meadow 3-0, and they drew a practice match with Canberra City.

But the best result so far was an 8-3 thrashing of NSW State League clubs Auburn.

The Wollongong players, who had been standing around all morning while doing TV commercials, were two goals down after three minutes but came back with a vengeance with four goals by Clive Campbell and one each by John Lathan, Peter Willis, Jim McBreen and John Fleming.

In a comparable match, on the other hand, Sydney Olympic lost 1-2 to Marrickville Olympic, after earlier having beaten Kaz Kulak's Avala 6-1.

It was after the loss to Marrickville that Dock-



Peter Willis: lost half a toe.



Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Dockerty

erty transfer-listed five players.

They are:  
**RICHIE BELL**, centre back, played eight games for Australia, transfer fee \$8000.

**CLIVE EATON**, striker, formerly with Western Suburbs, tied with Ken Boden as PSL top scorer in 1978, transfer fee: \$8000.

**PETER HENSMAN**, forward, formerly with St. George transfer fee: \$8000.

**BOBBY SMITH**, midfielder, ex-Sydney City and Sutherland, price: \$5000.

**TONY LOXLEY**, centre back, price \$3000.

(Interested? Ring Olympic boss John Constantine on 232-4488).

The clear-out still leaves Dockerty with quite a good squad. The addition of Gavin from Brentford and Cork from Doncaster Rovers and the return of Jamieson after two years obviously will make it even stronger.

Jamieson, the talented midfielder, has been playing with Clydebank back in home in Scotland. During his earlier stint with Olympic, his remarkable development was interrupted by a broken leg.

Tommy Gavin, David Cork, Mark Koussas, Bill Palmer, Jim Zeros, Peter Wilson (goal).

Dockerty has inspired a higher level of professionalism and dedication among his players. At training he has been concentrating on simple but effective control-and-pass soccer and he has been emphasising the importance of flank play.

Derek Laing will be out wide on the right and either Andy Smith or Graeme Jennings on the left. Scott, the match-winner against Melita in the NSW finals series last year, could also play as central striker.

Wollongong trained every day last week in

from midfield and by men attacking out of defence.

But New Zealand international Brian Turner is likely to replace McBreen up front. Turner's transfer from Mt. Wellington for about \$3000 was expected to be finalised before the weekend.

This veteran of 82 international matches will be the third Mt. Wellington star in the Wollongong side. The others are centre back Bill de Graaf and striker Campbell.

Ken Morton refers to Campbell as "Our own Tommy Cumming".

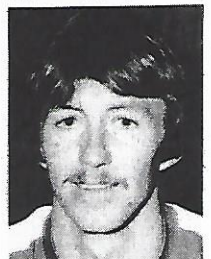
Campbell is almost as small as Soccerroo Cumming, and every bit as dangerous around goal, so much so that he has scored in almost every one of Wollongong's practice matches.

Once he resumes his partnership with Turner, he should be even more devastating.

With Peter Willis out of the side, Tasmanian Ray Mohring is likely to come in as de Graaf's centre-back partner, meaning Chris Dunleavy will move to Willis's right back position.

One feature of Wollongong's play is that the Wolves have the ability to switch play quickly, accurately and often. Any slackness by unoccupied Olympic defenders could result in a quick switch to a parallel runner, and winning goal.

Olympic's biggest strength appears to lie in



Richie Bell: sacked along with four team mates.

midfield, where Houssein Housseini and Peter Katholos have the flair to win the match single-handedly.

But Dockerty is aware of the threat posed by Wollongong.

As usual he will not make a prediction. "A game is never won until it is lost by the other side," he says.

**Probably teams:**  
**WOLLONGONG:** Jim Preston — Chris Dunleavy, Ray Mohring, Bill de Graaf, Tony Dickinson — Lee Adams, John Fleming, John Lathan, Peter Tradnick — Brian Turner, Clive Campbell. Also available: Jim McBreen, David Smith, Robert Harrison.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Gary Meier — Danny Moulis, Ken Wilson, Ian Rowden, Greg Audinoff — Peter Katholos, Houssein Housseini, Mike Cross — Derek Laing, Andy Scott, Graeme Jennings. Also available: Alex Jamieson, Tommy Gavin, David Cork, Mark Koussas, Bill Palmer, Jim Zeros, Peter Wilson (goal).

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## HOLLAND OUT OF YOUTH TITLES

Holland has pulled out of the world youth tournament in Australia next October because players who would be involved are needed by their clubs' the International Football Federation (FIFA) has announced. The European Football Association (UEFA) will name a



# Cruel blow for Cant

It always is a harrowing experience for a player who has changed allegiance to play for the first time against his former club.

Some I know just can't handle it. Others approach it with the bluster which newspaper writers have turned into a cliché: 'Rarin' to go and determined to do well against his old club. You've heard it so often.

The true professionals are there to do a job for which they are paid, and they do it well, putting out of mind as far as possible any emotions he may harbour about his former team.

In other cases the player himself has no control over the course of events. Fate steps in either kindly as in the case of the player scoring a lucky goal and being hailed a hero, or in the cruelest way possible. So it

was for Jim Cant in the Charity Shield match between Marconi and Sydney City.

It was Cant's first appearance for Sydney City against Marconi, the club he had quit.

He was slotted in as sweeper, a position that carries a heavy burden of responsibility, and he made a good first of it, communicating confidently with his new team mates and showing some fine touches on the ball.

But just as Sydney City was about to be proclaimed a 1-0 winner, Cant headed a shot by Peter Sharne into the net for a tragic own goal that levelled the score and forced the game into extra time.

It was a shattering experience for Cant. From that moment on, all confidence drained rapidly from him and he made one mistake after another.

Marconi created four clear-cut scoring chances during extra time and it had Cant to thank for them.

Cant had been among the stars until his mistake. It shows once again how a simple twist of fate can put a player off and change the course of the game.

But of course Peter Sharne also had a lot to do with the change.

He had copped a hefty kick to the hip and was limping badly during extra time. The Sydney City defence apparently believed he no longer posed a threat but the unpredictable Sharne taught that defence a lesson about complacency by scoring two goals to win the game single-handedly.

This is the remarkable quality of Peter Sharne. He is never beaten.

While still talking about the charity match, I think it is relevant to point out that although it was only two weeks before league kick-off, players complained about cramps on no less than 10 occasions!

Joe Watson was given the starring role in the latest episode of the bizarre national team saga.

The Sydney City forward has been in Australia for many, many years and has been instrumental in City winning many Cups and league titles.

Everyone knows about Watson's qualities as a very fine player. However, did it make sense to include him in the Socceroo squad for a training game against the national youth squad last Wednesday?

How is it that he comes into calculations for the Socceroo team barely two months before the first World Cup

game against New Zealand, and despite coach Rudi Gutendorf's declaration that there would be no more changes to the Socceroo squad?

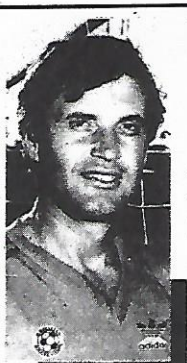
Wouldn't it have made much more sense to give a member of the existing squad preference over an "outsider"?

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The season will test the ability of our coaches, administrators and players to cope with such heavy responsibilities.



RALE RASIC

# HEIDELBERG BEST IN AUSTRALIA: WALLACE

Leichhardt Strikers will find out if their revamped side is good enough to tackle the elite of the PSL when they clash with Heidelberg Warriors at Lambert Park this Sunday.

So says Strikers supremo Willie Wallace.

"I think Heidelberg is the best football side in Australia and if we can take points off of them it will give us a good indication of how good we are," he said.

"We certainly won't be hammered 5-1," said Wallace, remembering last year's debacle at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

Interest will centre upon Leichhardt's new players and Heidelberg's style of play under new coach Manny Poulikakis.

The Strikers probably will play newcomers Zdenko Kafka, Alan Hughes and Frank Leyden.

Hughes is likely to have the daunting task of getting past Heidelberg and Australian left back Jim Tansey while Leyden and Kafka match wits in midfield with Theo Selemidis, Jim Campbell and Jim Rooney.

The Strikers' main avenue of attack looks to be down their left side with the classy Kafka feeding the talented Phil O'Connor.

But O'Connor confronts the fierce tackling of Arthur McMillan and their battle should be a match highlight.

Last year O'Connor figured in Rudi Gutendorf's plans for a while and the national coach has said he must look closely at McMillan before Australia's World Cup qualifying campaign gets into full stride.

No full back in last year's PSL was more consistent than McMillan so O'Connor's close ball skills and ability to take on and beat his opponent will have to be at their best.

The Strikers have fared well in recent practice matches with a 1-1 draw against Marconi and a 2-0 win over Blacktown to their credit.

Wallace maintains that there is new confidence in his camp which was lacking at the start of last season.

"Everyone's really looking forward to this year and we'll give Heidelberg a run for their money," he said.

Heidelberg boss Poulikakis also is

confident and says that his side will go for both points in Sydney.

"A win in this first match is important to us psychologically as we start our championship campaign," Poulikakis said.

"I've been trying to improve the ability of our midfielders to get into attacking positions quickly and we will be looking for more shots from around the edge of the area. This is something we have worked on during the week."

Heidelberg has no additions to last year's side and will be relying upon the understanding which has been built up among its players over the past two years.

Jamie Paton and Gary Cole looked to be in fine touch two weeks ago when they played for Victoria against Dinamo Zagreb so Leichhardt's central defensive combination of Mark Faulen and Peter Wilson will have their work cut out shacking the most dangerous striking duo in the land.

The Heidelberg Warriors should be in full cry as they strike their first blow in their bid to capture league honours in 1981.

**LEICHHARDT:** Greg Woodhouse — Rod Skeltern, Peter Wilson, Mark Pullen, Frank Cassachio — Frank Leyden, Dave Harding, Zdenko Kafka — Alan Hughes, Bill Pirie, Phil O'Connor.

**HEIDELBERG:** Jeff Olver — Arthur McMillan, John Yzendoorn, Paddy Bannon, Jim Tansey — Theo Selemidis, Jim Campbell, Jim Rooney — Gary Cole, Jamie Paton, Andy Bozikas.



# VILLANI THE BIG HOPE

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The Adelaide City Giants hope that Sydney City again is plagued by its poor early season track form when the sides meet at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

The Slickers are notoriously poor starters in the league program but the Giants' hopes may be in vain. "It'll be different this year. I don't think we'll get off to a slow start and I expect two points from this Sunday's clash," said Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson.

"If we don't win the title then it will be a bad year for us and I'll be bitterly disappointed," he added.

The Slickers have altered their playing style

slightly to allow for an extra winger but if things don't work out the experienced Thomson will revert to his side's more accustomed 4-2-2 formation.

Sydney City's front line has undergone a major overhaul with the signing of John Kosmina from West Adelaide and Willie Murray from Scottish First Division club Hibernian.

Kosmina has recaptured the sharpness and keenness which he had missed at West Adelaide and Murray has been in fine touch in recent practice games.

Murray is a typical Scottish winger — he's fast and likes to take on opponents.

Thomson has been pleased with Kosmina's ability to come off opponents, then quickly get back into the area where he can use his finishing ability.

The Giants' tall central defender David Jones has clashed with Kosmina often so their duel could be a highlight.

Covering Jones and the Giants' two full backs, Bobby Russell and Bugsy Nyskohus, will be John Besir who has completely recovered from a cartilage operation and is in great form. He'll have to be to cope with the Slickers' forward thrusts.

The player who could pose the biggest headache to the Slickers is Giants' youngster Charlie Villani who is looking very sharp breaking forward from the right side of midfield.

"Charlie is a good finisher and has excellent close ball skills," said Giants' coach Bob D'Ottavi.

"I consider him to be one of the best prospects in this country and I expect big things from him this year," he added.

"We're definitely going all out for a win against Sydney City because we're looking fit and sharp. We've been playing well in the South Australian Ampol Cup and we've beaten West Adelaide 3-1 and South Melbourne 2-1 in practice games."

The Murray-Kosmina-Ken Boden forward trio will present D'Ottavi with his most pressing problem and by the end of the day the Giants' coach may settle for a point.

At the other end of the field Jimmy Cant will sweep up behind fellow Slickers Ian Souness, Steve O'Connor and Ian Bruce.

Tony Pezzano will have the keeper's responsibilities with Todd Clarke and national youth team keeper Glen Ahearn in reserve.

The Giants will rely on John Nyskohus and David Mitchell to pierce the Slickers' defensive curtain.

Serge Melta returned three weeks ago from overseas and has missed out on full pre-season preparation. He'll probably grace the bench alongside Brian Northcote who is coming back to his best after a long lay-off due to back trouble.

If the Slickers perform to their capabilities Melta and Northcote may be the luckiest players in the Giants squad.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** Peter Marshall — Bobby Russell, John Besir, David Jones, Bugsy Nyskohus — Charlie Villani, Gary Marocchi, Glen Dods, John Purin — John Nyskohus, David Mitchell.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Tony Pezzano — Ian Souness, Jim Cant, Steve O'Connor, Ian Bruce.

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The reason I'm saying this is not because I'm an eternal pessimist — far from it, I'm the eternal optimist.

And I think an optimist in Australian soccer is a fellow who believes what's going to be will be postponed.

No, the reason for my fear is the decision taken by the PSL clubs in Sydney last Sunday to register themselves as a limited liability company and to press for representation on the executive committee of the ASF.

The name the PSL clubs hope to register under is the Australian Soccer League Ltd., trading under the banner of the Phillips Soccer League.

It seems that the PSL clubs are determined to get representation on the ASF and some ASF executive members are just as adamant they should not.

This has been a bone of contention for quite a while. It has to be resolved one way or another.

It is something that can't be swept under the carpet and forgotten about.

Not only is it too important,



**TOM ANDERSON**

it's a flaw in our set-up that could seriously damage soccer in this country.

Let's face it, whatever way you look at this situation, the PSL clubs deserve a say in their own destiny.

It's just ridiculous that while Tasmania, Western Australia and Northern NSW have votes on matters concerning the PSL, the clubs themselves have no say at ASF level.

It would not be allowed to happen anywhere else in the world and it is no longer going to be tolerated by the PSL clubs here.

They are putting money into the PSL, they should have the right to plot their own destiny.

This is democracy, this is what must be.

The feeling that is running through the ranks of the PSL is that if they don't get representation on the ASF — all hell will break loose.

Of course with an indoor soccer league certain to start, there's more than politics involved in this whole deal, there's a great amount of money.

In such an important year and with the eyes of the world upon us, soccer cannot afford another civil war.

Both sides of this struggle must get together and a solution must be worked out.

Let's face it, there's no problem that cannot be worked out around a negotiation table.

Maybe what is needed is an expert to work out a compromise between both parties — a man with the art to divide the cake in such a way that each one thinks he is getting the biggest piece.

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Ace Scottish coach Tommy Docherty may be out of sight of British soccer but he certainly is not out of the Poms' minds.

Last week I was awakened from a blissful slumber at one o'clock in the morning by a phone call from an old friend of mine, Frank Butler, the sports editor of the biggest circulation newspaper in the world — the News of the World.

Manchester United has hit the skids in England. It's out of the FA Cup and it is losing league games with monotonous regularity.

Its present manager Dave Sexton is under heavy fire and the fans are after blood.

Anyway, the "News of the World" last Sunday ran an expose on what has gone wrong with United and the first opinion it wanted was that of Tommy Docherty —

United's most successful manager since the great Sir Matt Busby.

Sports editor Butler told me that the United fans still love "The Doc" and the memory of him winning the FA Cup in 1977 before he was sacked, has not faded.

Since he left Old Trafford, United has spent a fortune on buying players without getting any results.

And Manchester United is a team that has to pick up an honor otherwise it's total failure.

Apart from keeping in the English news, Doc is busy trying to make Sydney Olympic into a force to be reckoned with in the PSL.

I watched Olympic in its 2-2 draw with St George in a trial game last Sunday and already Doc's all-action style is stamped on Olympic's play.

Every player is giving 100 per cent and they're all enthusiastic and fit.

However, what Doc nor any coach can put into players — the skill factor — is somewhat missing and I can't see Olympic being a real force — despite the Doc's magic, until a couple of skilful players are introduced.

Maybe the answer to this is Olympic's new signings from England — David Cork and Tommy Gavin who are due to arrive in Sydney today (Wednesday).

Tommy Docherty's arrival on the Australian scene has been a shot in the arm for soccer. I hope he gets the success he deserves.



**JOHNNY WARREN**



New Zealand lines up before its 1977 World Cup qualifying match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

## United we stand

I don't owe Rudi Gutendorf any favors.

For that matter he doesn't owe me any either.

In fact I have spoken only briefly to the man a few times since he has been in Australia.

Having said all that, the "get Rudi" witch-hunt going on in soccer circles at the moment is one of the sickest things I've seen in my 21 years involvement in senior soccer in this country.

My concern about the gutless undermining of Gutendorf, most of it from supposedly ethical and "professional" people (who don't fire their own bullets, of course) is the effect it will have on the Australian team for the vital World Cup elimination matches only a little over two months away.

At the best of times Australia will have its hands full overcoming the competitive New Zealanders, without having half our soccer world undermining Gutendorf and his players.

Australia's qualification for Spain is more than vital to soccer's future in this country.

It is something which will benefit everyone in Australian soccer.

Likewise, non-qualification will not only have the reverse effect but throw soccer into the bridesmaid's role in Australian sport again.

This is no defence of Gutendorf, it is only put forward in the interests of the national team which will carry such a heavy burden in the coming months.

Gutendorf is no different to any other coach.

He has his faults, strengths and weaknesses and has made his fair share of mistakes.

But the facts are that Australia plays what to me are our deciding games — against New Zealand — in the next three months and unless the national team gets the support it deserves our dreams of Spain could come to a sudden, and painful, end at the first hurdle.

It's amazing just how many people you speak to in soccer circles who are hoping that Australia doesn't make it to Spain.

Despite the pessimists, Australia has an excellent chance of qualifying, on paper at least.

Let's face it, two teams qualify from our area.

That means that we would have qualified for every World Cup to date — the 1978 effort being the only exception — had two nations qualified in the past.

For me, Australia will qualify if it gets past New Zealand — its first two qualifying matches.

New Zealand, despite the stories about its lack of preparation, will provide Australia with its most uncomfortable moments, especially in the first match in Auckland.

Taiwan, Fiji and Indonesia shouldn't pose too many problems for the Socceroos.

If they do, we really don't deserve to be in the World Cup.

\*\*\*  
Best off-season news for me was the long overdue recognition of Joe Marston in the New Year's Honours list.

Marston, the former Australian captain and English First Division player and coach of APIA Leichhardt, Auburn and Sydney Olympic, has been a tremendous ambassador for the game for more years than I care to remember.

It is always difficult to rate players over various eras but Joe ranks as one of, if not the best player I have seen in Australia — and that includes all the imports you may care to throw in.

We don't all agree with Gutendorf's selected players, the same as most didn't with the Jelisevic, Venglos, Vlasits, Rasic or Shoulder national teams.

It is doubtful if any two experts in Australia would select the same or even similar squads.

But Gutendorf is the man in charge and like him or not, he and the national team need full support in the coming months.

If the current rate of negative undermining continues we will fail to get to Spain and once again become a laughing stock to the sports we are supposed to be threatening.

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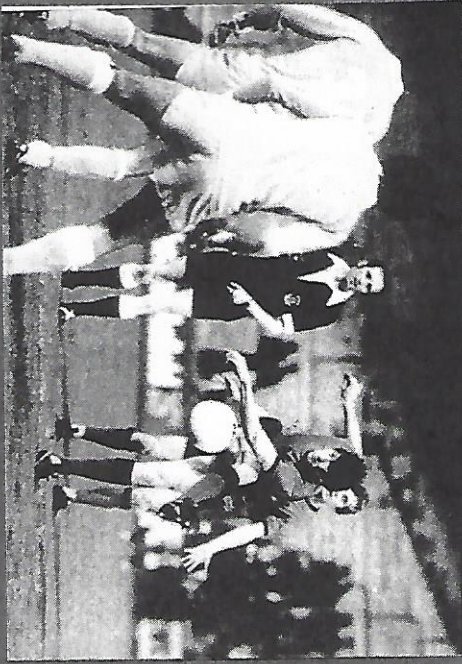
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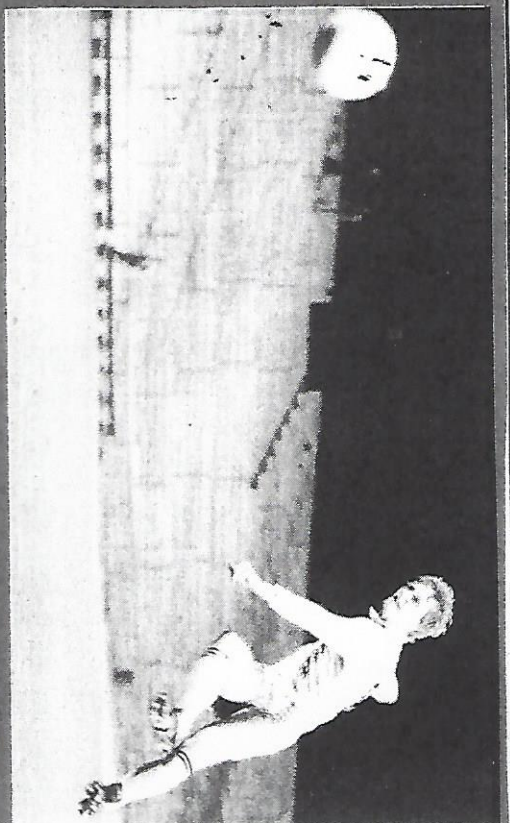
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Preston captain George McMillan launches a free kick past the defensive wall of Victorian team Hakoah.



Adelaide City forward John Nyakohua. At (left) is Peter Olferton, now with Preston.



Heidelberg's dynamic top scorer Gary Cole slams a fearsome shot toward goal.

# 1981 PSL DRAW

**ROUND 1 SUNDAY February 15**  
Blacktown City vs Brisbane Lions  
Adelaide City vs Sydney City  
Preston vs Canberra City  
South Melbourne vs Marconi-Fairfield  
Woolongong vs Sydney Olympic  
Leichhardt vs Heidelberg  
Newcastle KB vs Footscray  
Brisbane City vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 2 SUNDAY February 22**  
West Adelaide vs Blacktown  
Brisbane Lions vs Newcastle KB  
Footscray vs Leichhardt  
Heidelberg vs Woolongong  
Sydney Olympic vs South Melbourne  
Marconi vs Preston  
Canberra City vs Adelaide City  
Sydney City vs Brisbane City

**ROUND 3 SUNDAY March 1**  
Leichhardt vs Brisbane Lions  
Newcastle KB vs Blacktown City  
Brisbane City vs Canberra City  
Adelaide City vs Marconi  
Preston vs Sydney Olympic  
South Melbourne vs Heidelberg  
Woolongong vs Footscray  
Sydney City vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 4 SUNDAY March 8**  
West Adelaide vs Newcastle KB  
Blacktown City vs Leichhardt  
Brisbane Lions vs Woolongong  
Footscray vs South Melbourne  
Heidelberg vs Preston  
Sydney Olympic vs Adelaide City

**ROUND 9 EASTER WEEKEND 17-20 April**

Sydney City vs Brisbane Lions  
Brisbane City vs Blacktown City  
Adelaide City vs Newcastle KB  
Preston vs Leichhardt  
South Melbourne vs Woolongong  
Marconi vs Heidelberg  
Canberra City vs Footscray  
Sydney Olympic vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 10 SUNDAY 26 April**

West Adelaide vs South Melbourne  
Woolongong vs Preston  
Leichhardt vs Adelaide City  
Newcastle KB vs Brisbane City  
Blacktown City vs Sydney City  
Footscray vs Marconi  
Heidelberg vs Sydney Olympic  
Brisbane Lions vs Canberra City

**ROUND 11 SUNDAY May 3**

Marconi vs Brisbane Lions  
Canberra City vs Blacktown City  
Sydney City vs Newcastle KB  
Brisbane City vs Leichhardt  
Adelaide City vs Woolongong  
Preston vs South Melbourne  
Sydney Olympic vs Footscray  
Heidelberg vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 18 SUNDAY June 21**

Newcastle KB vs West Adelaide  
Leichhardt vs Blacktown City  
Woolongong vs Brisbane Lions  
South Melbourne vs Footscray  
Preston vs Heidelberg  
Adelaide City vs Sydney Olympic  
Brisbane City vs Marconi  
Sydney City vs Canberra City

**ROUND 16 SUNDAY June 7**

Blacktown City vs West Adelaide  
Newcastle KB vs Brisbane Lions  
Leichhardt vs Footscray  
Woolongong vs Heidelberg  
South Melbourne vs Sydney Olympic  
Preston vs Marconi  
Adelaide City vs Canberra City  
Brisbane City vs Sydney City

**ROUND 17 SUNDAY June 14**

Brisbane Lions vs Leichhardt  
Blacktown City vs Newcastle KB  
Canberra City vs Brisbane City  
Sydney City vs Adelaide City  
Sydney Olympic vs Preston  
Footscray vs South Melbourne  
West Adelaide vs Sydney City

**ROUND 23 SUNDAY July 26**

Brisbane Lions vs Sydney City  
Blacktown City vs Brisbane City  
Newcastle KB vs Adelaide City  
Leichhardt vs Preston  
Woolongong vs South Melbourne  
Heidelberg vs Marconi  
Footscray vs Canberra City  
West Adelaide vs Sydney Olympic

**ROUND 24 SUNDAY August 2**

South Melbourne vs West Adelaide  
Adelaide City vs Leichhardt  
Preston vs Woolongong  
Brisbane City vs Newcastle KB  
Sydney City vs Blacktown City  
Canberra City vs Brisbane Lions  
Marconi vs Footscray  
Sydney Olympic vs Heidelberg

**ROUND 25 SUNDAY August 9**

Brisbane Lions vs Marconi  
Blacktown City vs Canberra City  
Newcastle KB vs Sydney City  
Leichhardt vs Brisbane City  
Woolongong vs Adelaide City  
South Melbourne vs Preston  
Footscray vs Sydney Olympic  
West Adelaide vs Heidelberg

**ROUND 26 SUNDAY August 16**

Preston vs West Adelaide  
Adelaide City vs South Melbourne  
Brisbane City vs Woolongong  
Sydney City vs Leichhardt  
Canberra City vs Newcastle KB  
Marconi vs Blacktown City

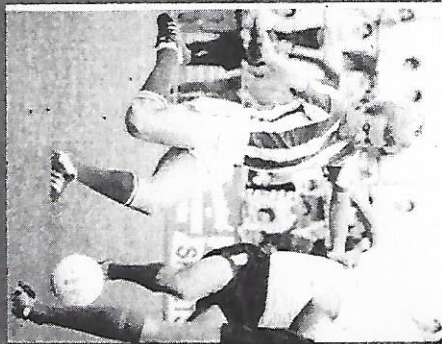


KB United winger Graham Heyes surges past Brisbane Lions defender Paul Ontong.

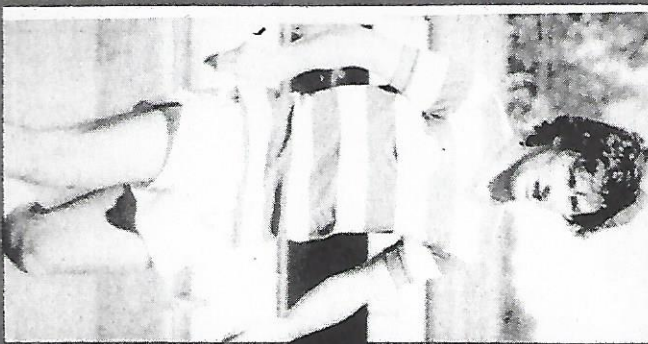


Brisbane Lions' international midfielder Steve Hogg (right), pursued by Alun Evans of South Melbourne.





West Adelaide striker Graeme Norris.



Sydney Olympic central defender Ken Wilson.

**ROUND 5 SUNDAY March 15**  
 South Melbourne vs Brisbane Lions  
 Wollongong vs Blacktown City  
 Leichhardt vs Newcastle KB  
 Sydney City vs Marconi  
 Brisbane City vs Sydney Olympic  
 Adelaide City vs Heidelberg  
 Preston vs Footscray  
 Canberra City vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 6 SUNDAY March 29**  
 West Adelaide vs Leichhardt  
 Newcastle KB vs Wollongong  
 Blacktown City vs South Melbourne  
 Brisbane Lions vs Preston  
 Footscray vs Adelaide City  
 Sydney Olympic vs Sydney City  
 Marconi vs Canberra City  
 Heidelberg vs Brisbane City

**ROUND 7 SUNDAY April 5**  
 Adelaide City vs Brisbane Lions  
 Preston vs Blacktown City  
 South Melbourne vs Newcastle KB  
 Wollongong vs Leichhardt  
 Canberra City vs Sydney Olympic  
 Sydney City vs Heidelberg  
 Brisbane City vs Footscray  
 Marconi vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 8 SUNDAY April 12**  
 West Adelaide vs Wollongong  
 Leichhardt vs South Melbourne  
 Newcastle KB vs Preston  
 Blacktown City vs Adelaide City  
 Brisbane Lions vs Brisbane City  
 Footscray vs Sydney City  
 Heidelberg vs Canberra City  
 Sydney Olympic vs Marconi

**West Adelaide vs Preston**  
 South Melbourne vs Adelaide City  
 Wollongong vs Brisbane City  
 Leichhardt vs Sydney City  
 Newcastle KB vs Canberra City  
 Blacktown City vs Marconi  
 Brisbane Lions vs Sydney Olympic  
 Footscray vs Heidelberg

**ROUND 13 SUNDAY May 17**  
 Heidelberg vs Brisbane Lions  
 Sydney Olympic vs Blacktown City  
 Marconi vs Newcastle KB  
 Canberra City vs Leichhardt  
 Sydney City vs Wollongong  
 Brisbane City vs South Melbourne  
 Adelaide City vs Preston  
 Footscray vs West Adelaide

**ROUND 14 SUNDAY May 24**  
 West Adelaide vs Adelaide City  
 Preston vs Brisbane City  
 South Melbourne vs Sydney City  
 Wollongong vs Canberra City  
 Leichhardt vs Marconi  
 Newcastle KB vs Sydney Olympic  
 Blacktown City vs Heidelberg  
 Brisbane Lions vs Footscray

**ROUND 15 SUNDAY May 31**  
 Brisbane Lions vs West Adelaide  
 Footscray vs Blacktown City  
 Heidelberg vs Newcastle KB  
 Sydney Olympic vs Leichhardt  
 Marconi vs Wollongong  
 Canberra City vs South Melbourne  
 Sydney City vs Preston  
 Adelaide City vs Brisbane City

**Brisbane Lions vs South Melbourne**  
 Blacktown City vs Wollongong  
 Newcastle KB vs Leichhardt  
 Marconi vs Sydney City  
 Sydney Olympic vs Brisbane City  
 Heidelberg vs Adelaide City  
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 West Adelaide vs Canberra City

**ROUND 20 SUNDAY July 5**  
 Leichhardt vs West Adelaide  
 Wollongong vs Newcastle KB  
 South Melbourne vs Blacktown City  
 Preston vs Brisbane Lions  
 Adelaide City vs Footscray  
 Blacktown City vs Heidelberg  
 Sydney City vs Sydney Olympic  
 Canberra City vs Marconi

**ROUND 21 SUNDAY July 12**  
 Brisbane Lions vs Adelaide City  
 Blacktown City vs Preston  
 Newcastle KB vs South Melbourne  
 Leichhardt vs Wollongong  
 Sydney Olympic vs Canberra City  
 Heidelberg vs Sydney City  
 Footscray vs Brisbane City  
 West Adelaide vs Marconi

**ROUND 22 SUNDAY July 19**  
 Wollongong vs West Adelaide  
 South Melbourne vs Leichhardt  
 Preston vs Newcastle KB  
 Adelaide City vs Blacktown City  
 Brisbane City vs Brisbane Lions  
 Sydney City vs Footscray  
 Canberra City vs Heidelberg  
 Marconi vs Sydney Olympic

**ROUND 27 SUNDAY August 23**  
 Brisbane Lions vs Heidelberg  
 Blacktown City vs Sydney Olympic  
 Newcastle KB vs Marconi  
 Leichhardt vs Canberra City  
 Wollongong vs Sydney City  
 South Melbourne vs Brisbane City  
 Preston vs Adelaide City  
 West Adelaide vs Footscray

**ROUND 28 SUNDAY August 30**  
 Adelaide City vs West Adelaide  
 Brisbane City vs Preston  
 Sydney City vs South Melbourne  
 Canberra City vs Wollongong  
 Marconi vs Leichhardt  
 Sydney Olympic vs Newcastle KB  
 Heidelberg vs Blacktown City  
 Footscray vs Brisbane Lions

**ROUND 29 SUNDAY September 6**  
 West Adelaide vs Brisbane Lions  
 Blacktown City vs Footscray  
 Newcastle KB vs Heidelberg  
 Leichhardt vs Sydney Olympic  
 Wollongong vs Marconi  
 South Melbourne vs Canberra City  
 Preston vs Sydney City  
 Brisbane City vs Adelaide City

**ROUND 30 SUNDAY September 13**  
 Brisbane Lions vs Blacktown City  
 Sydney City vs Adelaide City  
 Canberra City vs Preston  
 Marconi vs South Melbourne  
 Sydney Olympic vs Wollongong  
 Heidelberg vs Leichhardt  
 Footscray vs Newcastle KB  
 West Adelaide vs Brisbane City



Bill Pirie (left) of Leichhardt is felled by Newcastle goalkeeper Phil Danno.



Marconi sweeper Ivo Prkalo (right) tangles with Larry Gaffney of Brisbane City.



Footscray's Joo Pileon (right) in action for Victoria against Nicolau of AEK Athens.



Ricci Hornazabal of Blacktown gets to the ball ahead of Adelaide City's Bobby Russell.



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# TOO EARLY FOR AJAX

**JUVENTUS 1 (Gillan) AJAX 0 at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING 4. Referee: Fokianos 7.**

**JUVENTUS:** Fantoma 6 — Donaldson 5, Cressy 7, Tarquinio 8, Hird 6 — Ristovski 5 (Pavlidis 45th), Smith 5, Sannipoli 5, Incantalupo 7 — McGuinness 5, Gillan 6.

**AJAX:** Denys 6 — Lewis 5, Smart 5, Cannell 5, Grilly 5 — Greenan 4 (Segi 51st), Bennett 4, Vassallo 4 — Wall 4, McLeod 4, Morrey 4.

The revamped Ajax take will take time to settle into a formidable combination.

A George Gillan goal and scrappy Ajax play hammered out that message loud and clear at Olympic Park last Saturday night.

Ajax looked disorganised and shabby.

The much-published striking trio of Gus McLeod, Kevin Wall and Bill Morrey failed to flatter. McLeod should have taken two clear-cut chances. The first was in the first half when he was clean through but his attempt to stroke the ball past Juve keeper Alex Fantoma was foiled by the base of the upright.

His second chance came late in the game. He had ghosted into the clear at the far post

but rather than volley he decided to try to steer the ball past Fantoma but shot wide.

Fabio Incantalupo surged forward on countless occasions, revelling in his new role wide in midfield. He looks stronger and faster than last year and looks set for a fine season.

Fausto Tarquinio had little trouble as Juve's new sweeper.

But the way Ajax went forward new Juve coach Joe Wilson could have dusted the cobwebs off his old boots and done just as well at the heart of Juve's defence.

Stuart Cannell showed glimpses of his class but must hang his head low after selling the decisive goal.

Cannell had the front position with Incantalupo pressing him. He tried to let the ball run out for a goal kick but under pressure from Incantalupo he changed his mind at the last minute and tried to tap the ball back to keeper Lou Denys. In nipped Gillan who turned and slammed the ball between Denys and the near post to sink Ajax. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

## 'Cross tries to keep up

When you've got a State League championship and three Ampol Cups to your credit it isn't easy to settle for a season of struggling to avoid relegation.

Life's made harder when you once were the pride of the Maltese community but you now find yourself overshadowed by another Maltese club.

Victorian State Leaguer George Cross finds itself in such a predicament.

"Yes, we really feel the pressure from our supporters to match Green Gully Ajax's buying spree," said Cross president Alf Zahra.

The once mighty George Cross is faced with the prospect of rebuilding after narrowly avoiding relegation last year.

Ajax, which finished in the top four in 1980, is laying down the gauntlet to other clubs in its bid to capture the 1981 State League title.

Gus McLeod, Paul Lewis, Kevin Wall, Kit Greenan, Stuart Cannell, Peter Lewis and possibly Sammy Wright represent a massive recruiting campaign which should see Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan rubbing his hands with glee by the season's end.

Cross coach Archie Campbell hasn't been idle. He hasn't the finances which McLachlan has to buy players but the astute Campbell looks like putting together a squad much improved from last year.

Ged Rannon has been bought from Hakoah

for \$3000 and Dave Rigby will join for about \$4000.

Brendon Farmer from Altona is training with the Cross and there's only \$700 on his head.

Brian Flaherty, ex-Preston, played for George Cross last night (Tuesday) Flaherty played for Metro First Division club Keilor Austria last year. There's \$2500 on his head.

Croydon's transfer listed full back Harry McKinlay, is training with Cross and likely to sign for \$2500.

Tony Cowan has been training with Preston but he probably will stay with Cross and line up alongside Jim Paparas and Flaherty.

Campbell will have a problem with the keeper's position because Robert Amos, Joe Grech and Oliver Gay will be expecting to capture the number one spot between the sticks.

Hugh Graham has joined Provisional First Division side Mooroolbark for \$1000.

Jim Papas is transfer listed at \$2000 and promising 17 year old Paul Gambin has crossed over from Ajax.

"Ajax has been publicising every new signing and our supporters have been approaching us and asking us what we've got," said Zahra.

"I've told them to put their money where their mouths are and I'm sure we can match Ajax's spree. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.



## VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

### GROUP A

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ringwood C.....	1	0	1	0	2
Frankston.....	1	0	1	0	2
Hakoah.....	1	0	1	1	2
Croatia.....	0	1	1	1	0
Geo. Cross.....	0	1	1	1	0
Altona.....	0	1	0	1	0

### GROUP B

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote.....	1	0	3	1	2
Juventus.....	1	0	1	0	2
Croydon.....	1	0	1	0	2
Ajax.....	0	1	0	1	0
Sunshine.....	0	1	0	1	0
Doveton.....	0	1	1	3	0

This weekend's Ampol Cup matches with likely winners in capitals:

**JUVENTUS v Doveton at Olympic Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.**

**Frankston v CROATIA at Olympic Park, Saturday, about 8.50 pm.**

**HAKOAH v Altona at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.**

**Croydon v AJAX at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.**

**GEORGE CROSS v Ringwood at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.**

**Sunshine v NORTHCOTE at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.**



• Croydon's Alan Pongho wins a heading duel with Sunshine's Rod van der Cheys. The other two Croydon players are Gary Hobson (left) and Jimmy Spink (No.2) Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## Wyllie's goal ends shocker

**CROYDON CITY 1 (Wyllie 69th) SUNSHINE CITY 0 at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans. MATCH RATING: 1**

**CROYDON:** Edwards 7 — Spink 6, Pongho 6, McGonigle 6, Hobson 6 — Loughnane 5, Howarth 6, Smith 5, Wyllie 5 — Brogan 4, Abbott 2.

**SUNSHINE:** Woods 7 — Campbell 5, Ellis 5, R. Nelson 7, Morovic 5 — Laing 5, Esposito 4, McRobert 5, McNally 4 — Mudrnic 5, van der Cheys 4. Referee: Nick Kadiich 6.

Croydon won this match virtually with the last kick of the game.

And what an awful game it was!

To think that people paid to watch this! I reckon the players should have paid to play.

It's all very well saying it's early in the season, it's hot, and the players aren't fully fit.

If the clubs aren't going to make a decent competition of the Ampol Cup, they shouldn't subject the poor spectators to it. It could be renamed the Ampol Cup training camp — free to any fan silly enough to watch.

The biggest disappointment of the game was Croydon's British import Peter Abbott who had probably the worst debut I've ever seen.

But most of the other players on the pitch weren't much better.

The only exceptions were goalkeepers Mick Edwards and Dale Woods and Sunshine centre back Rob Nelson who tackled strongly and never stopped encouraging his fledgling team mates.

Sunshine threatened early with a job by John Mudrnic which Edwards turned over the bar, and hook shot by Wilf Laing that just missed.

Apart from a couple of half-hearted headers, Abbott had one good chance when he prepared to step into the open for a shot, but Dennis Morovic promptly flattened him.

For the winning goal, Jim Wyllie latched onto a good diagonal through ball and slipped it low past Woods. Nelson lunged at it desperately but failed to hook it off the line. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Croatia left back Ante Bilaver directs his fellow defenders.

## HAKOAH TURNS THE TABLES

**CROATIA 1 (Tront) HAKOAH 1 (French) at Olympic Park, A.C.T. Hakoah won 4-1 on penalties. MATCH RATING 6.**

**Referee: Bainbridge 5.**

**CROATIA:** Blabey 6 — Short 6, Kokoska 7, Adams 7, Bilaver 5 — Grgas 5 (Dacic 68th), Batnovic 4, Tront 8, Murphy 5 — Glider 6, Mitten 6 (Karl 64th).

**HAKOAH:** Fryser 7 — Wilson 6, Jordano 7, Gadsby 8, Rooney 7, Blair 5 (Edmondson 55th), McNeil 5 (Thomson 80th), French 7, Kent 4 — Webster 5, McClunie 6.

It's a new look Croatia in 1981!

The team is selected by a five-man panel.

The interpassing, possession style of previous years is

rapidly making way for a more

"entertaining" style of soccer.

And Croatia now is beaten by Hakoah in the Ampol Cup.

For the record Croatia and Hakoah clashed five times last year, twice in the State League and once in the Dockerty, State League and Victoria Cups with Croatia winning three, losing one and drawing one. Croatia scored 16 goals to Hakoah's four.

The roles were reversed at Olympic Park last Saturday night but it took a penalty showdown to break the deadlock.

When Hakoah sweeper Bill Jordano calmly slotted home his decisive penalty attempt he jubilantly jumped into the

air with his clenched fist raised in triumph and Croatia's Ampol Cup hopes had nosedived.

Joe Tront had caught Hakoah keeper Mike Fryser going the wrong way in the first half with a swerving shot from 35 metres but Hakoah striker Graham French looked certain to level the scores midway through the second half as he prepared to take the penalty awarded after Ante Bilaver had tripped Richie McClunie inside the Croatia area.

French slammed the ball over the bar and it looked as if the luckless Croatia would sneak home.

Three minutes later French made amends.

Bilaver foolishly played the ball back into the area, Stan Webster played the ball into French's path and he slammed a low shot past bewildered Peter Blasby.

It was a deserved equaliser as there was little between the sides in general play.

The penalty showdown was the most entertaining part of the contest.

Chris Kent had no problems with his penalty but Fryser reacted well to save Glider's attempt.

French converted his try off the post, then Steve Short did a soft-shoe shuffle and struck the ball straight at Fryser.

Gerry Edmondson scored, as did Keith Adams and Jordano settled the issue.

Croatia's midfield failed to give good support to Noel Mitten and Glider. Ken Murphy was below top form and Ivan Grgas wasted his few opportunities to chip the ball to the far post where Mitten and Glider were ready to pounce.

Grgas and Mitten were substituted late into normal time by 15-year-old Danny Dezic and Mick Klarin. The changes didn't alter the faded Croatia performance.

Former player-coach John Gardiner was sorely missed.

## Adams strikes a lucky blow

**FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Adams 55th) GEORGE CROSS 0 at Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans. MATCH RATING 4.**

**FRANKSTON:** Gilbert 7 — Thompson 6, Adams 6, McCluskey 5, Campbell 6 — Cooper 6, Ormond 5, Buchanan 6 — Reader 4 (Wright 56th), Burroughs 4 (Webb 2, half time), Young 4.

**GEORGE CROSS:** Adams 6 — Gambin 7, Wilkinson 7, Bilusic 7, DeSa 6 — G. Bannan 5, Mirk 5, Mizi 7 — Ziegler 4 (Horgan 55th), Cowen 6, Papera 4 (Castello 63rd). Referee: David Yelland 6.

George Cross outplayed Frankston for most of the game and was unlucky to lose by Bobby Adams' well-placed header from a corner by Bruce Young.

Young, incidentally, is on the transfer list for \$3000.

Frankston fielded four young reserves to make up for the players who quit the club over payment demands. They tried hard enough but it will take time for them to gain the confidence to do more.

Dave Cooper and Bill Buchanan did their jobs in the field and it was largely due to them that George Cross did not overrun Frankston completely.

Paul Gambin, playing his first game for George Cross after being transferred from the Ajax reserves, played very well at right back, as did his fellow defenders Laurie Bilusic and Billy Wilkinson.

Ray Misi was busy in midfield and Ged Bannan, transferred from Hakoah, should be busier in future games and will prove a valuable acquisition. Dave Rigby and Ian Gibson are likely to follow him from Hakoah.

## Team of the week

**FRYSZER**  
(Hakoah)

**STOGIANNOU**  
(Northcote)

**TARQUINIO**  
(Juventus)

**R. NELSON**  
(Sunshine)

**ROONEY**  
(Hakoah)

**TRONT**  
(Croatia)

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# Watch out, it's Gilder v. McCluskey

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Can Croatia and Ajax recover the ground lost in the opening round of the 1981 Victorian Ampol Cup?

This question will be answered at the weekend when the second round gets under way.

Croatia clashes with Frankston at Olympic Park on Saturday night after the Juventus-Doveton match.

Croatia striker Noel Mitten was substituted against Hakoah last week and he'll be keen to impress Croatia's five selectors.

Mitten and Carl Gilder should have a tough battle against Bob Adams and the aggressive Danny McCluskey.

I've watched McCluskey and Gilder clash on many occasions and neither player minds dising out backhanders when the going gets rough.

Frankston will not take any prisoners in an effort to ruffie Croatia's feathers.

But the Baysiders lack fire-power up front and "Butch"

Kokoska and Keith Adams should stifle most Frankston attacks.

I expect Croatia to allow coach Rocco Ilie to sleep easier by taking both points.

Juventus should beat Doveton in the opening Olympic Park double header.

I can't see the Doves containing Bobby McGuinness.

McGuinness still is unsettled at Juventus but he may have to resolve his differences with the club and get down to the job at hand.

Juve pulled off a surprise win against Ajax last week and another two points here would almost ensure it of a semi-final berth.

But the Doves have tremendous spirit and will fight till the death. Without the injured Steve Irvine their task may prove too great.

There's no excuses left for Ajax after this Sunday's double header at Green Gully Reserve.

Home ground advantage, a large local following and an extra week for coach Bobby McLachlan to iron out last week's faults should see Ajax sneak home against Croydon.

Hakoah should knock off Altona and the Stan Webster-Richie McClunie partnership could get among the goals against the inexperienced Altona defence.

Even if Altona stalwart Rob Gramsbergen settles his differences with the club his presence will not be enough to contain Hakoah's onslaught.

George Cross was unlucky to lose against Frankston last week and should make amends at Ringwood's expense when these sides meet on Sunday at Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

Ringwood sweeper Gary Greenwald will have a tougher task this week against Tony Cowan and Jim Pagaras.

With Ged Bannon driving the Cross forward, Archie Campbell's lads should give Mike de Bruyckere's side a real taste of State League soccer.

Sunshine and Northcote play after the Cross-Ringwood clash and the Shiners should learn more about their State League prospects against a confident Northcote line-up strengthened by Kris Kalifatidis from South Melbourne.

Northcote should win.



Juventus goalkeeper Alex Fantoma takes the ball confidently in front of Peter Lewis of Ajax. In the background is Juventus's George Gillan.

## Ringwood got shirty

**RINGWOOD 1 (Thom) ALTONA 0 at Jubilee Park. MATCH RATING 1. Referee: Upjohn 7.**

**RINGWOOD:** Feen 7 — Anderson 6, Luyten 5, Groenewald 6, Vermeire 5 — Malt 4, O'Callaghan 4, McNamara 5 (van Laarhoven 45th), Thom 5 — Mensink 5, Groener 8.

**ALTONA:** van der Poel 6 — P. Wilson 5, Kilpatrick 5, K. Wilson 5, McGarrigle 5 — Murphy 5, Imes 5, Westers 7 — Gamin (Baser 40th), Little 5, Deluca 4 (Olive 52nd).

The facilities at Jubilee Park, Ringwood are excellent.

The grandstand is small but affords a fine view and the ground is in immaculate condition.

I remember Jubilee Park some years ago when the ground was in a terrible state but thanks to the local council the pitch is well grassed and fairly level.

After the match the social atmosphere is convivial with players, club officials and spectators mixing together in a happy, friendly climate.

There was one exciting moment before last Sunday's clash between Ringwood City and Altona when Ringwood was asked to change its strip before the kick-off.

The Ringwood dressing room was a hive of activity with club officials annoyed at referee Upjohn's request that their team should change its strip. How dare he ask Ringwood to change when the match was at Jubilee Park.

Unfortunately for Ringwood the draw for this Ampol Cup match listed Altona first, making it the home side. Ringwood's high ranking officials relented. The match would be played at last.

About 80 minutes later most people were scratching their

## Nelson for Northcote, Quin leaving Doves?

**NORTHCOTE 3 (Gatzonis, Sahinidis, Tsetsos) DOVETON 1 (Collyer) AET, at Jubilee Park. MATCH RATING 6. Referee: Feen 8.**

**NORTHCOTE:** Tachirle 8 — Scoglennou 7, Rujevic 7, Boskiza 7, Fakos 8 — Palausso 7, Batticchio 7, Nicolaidis 7, Gatzonis 8 — Sahinidis 8, Tsetsos 8.

**DOVETON:** Ivanoff 6 — McConville 7, Corke 6, Merrick 7, Thurlow 8 — Cherry 4 (McDonald 70th), Train 8, Bartlett 8, Campbell 8 — Bradshaw 5, Collyer 6 (Hill 78th).

Northcote City bought Mirko Rujevic from Footscray for \$4,500 last weekend and rushed his transfer papers through the VSF in time for last Sunday's clash with Doveton at Jubilee Park.

Kris Kalifatidis is yet to be transferred but Northcote is confident of finalising the deal before this Sunday's game against Sunshine at Chaplin Reserve.

And the club is keen to sign disgruntled Juventus defender Alex Nelson. Nelson is appearing before the VSF Appeals Board tonight (Wednesday) over the price Juventus has put on his head.

Doveton looked good in the first half against Northcote last Sunday.

Neil Collyer played up front alongside young Mark Bradshaw because Alan Quin had failed to come to terms with the Doves over his signing-on fee and talented striker Steve Irvine was injured.

Quin has been linked with Park Rangers, Morwell Falcons, and Springvale.

Rujevic started as sweeper but after Collyer ran onto Gordon Bentley's through ball and stuck it away Northcote coach Jim Kriaris pushed Rujevic into midfield and pulled back Giovanni Batticchio to sweeper alongside stopper George Boskiza.

The Doves' best player was Jim Train who worked like a Trojan in midfield with little support.

Just when it looked like the Doves would hold on, Bill Gatzonis decided to try a speculative 35 metre drive. The ball swerved and dipped and completely fooled Doveton keeper Lou Ivanoff.

Northcote took heart and charged forward but the Doves, capably held together at the back by sweeper Ernie Merrick, clung on.

But extra time took its toll. Sakis Sahinidis deflected a low cross which rocketed past Ivanoff for Northcote's second and Tsetsos tapped into the open goal after Ivanoff had hammered the ball from close range into the body of the big Northcote striker.

With Gatzonis, Rujevic and John Nicolaidis in midfield Northcote will do well this year and Nelson will add the necessary steel to the back four.

Doveton's imports better arrive soon. Alec McConville belled his years by buzzing about at right back, his favorable position, but Peter Thurlow was all at sea at left back.

## Stokes seek club

Midfielder Dave Stokes, who scored 12 goals last year for Sunbury United, is looking for a new club.

Work commitments prohibit Stokes from continuing to play Saturdays, so he wants a club that plays on Sundays.

Stokes finished fourth in the voting for the Provisional League best player award last year, and helped Sunbury win the league-Cup double.

Previously, he played State League with Albion Rovers where he also coached the reserve team. He can be contacted on 647 3375 (work) 743 3886 (home).

## Tarax, J.U.S.T. meet in Yugoslav Cup

The semi-finals and final of the Yugoslav Cup will be played at Perry Road, Keysborough, from 10am on Sunday.

The competition is sponsored by Yugoslav Airlines (JAT).

In the semi-finals Tarax will meet Footscray J.U.S.T. seconds and Vardar clashes with Springvale A.

Last weekend's results: Tarax 1 Bosna Utd 0, J.U.S.T. seconds 2 Vojvodina 1, Vardar 3 Hawksburn 0, Springvale Utd A 10 Springvale Utd B 3.

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# Boyle, McGachey wreck under 19s

Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey, such dominating forces during West Adelaide's 1978 PSL championship campaign, clinically dissected the State under 19 team 4-0 in the Ampol Cup last Wednesday night.

McGachey scored twice while Boyle netted the fourth goal as the Hawks gave their best performance since thrashing Footscray 5-0 in 1978. It wasn't the scoreline that pleased coach Billy Birch but the smooth-flowing, cultured play his men finally produced. The first three goals would all have been contenders for goal of the year while the fourth goal also had a touch of class about it.

Ian McGregor opened the scoring in the third minute with a lightning ground shot which tore into the bottom left hand corner from 25 metres. McGachey struck in the 13th minute with another power drive from outside the penalty area and repeated the dose minutes before half time.

Boyle completed the scoring three minutes into the second half when he guided the ball into the net after Graham Norris had headed the ball into his path from a McGachey cross.

The Hawks played with 10 men for most of the second half when McGregor injured an ankle. Birch had used his two substitutes before the injury.

The win lifted the Hawks to second place in group B but it must beat current leader, the Second Division Select, in the

final match of the minor round to guarantee a place in the semi-finals. In the early game, Cumberland moved into semi-final calculations with a 1-0

win over Para Hills which can still grab a semi-final if it beats Adelaide City Giants in its final group A match on Wednesday night. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

**WEST ADELAIDE HAWKS 4** (McGregor 3rd, McGachey 13th and 35th, Boyle 43rd) **STATE UNDER 19 0**.  
**WEST ADELAIDE:** Miller 8 — Tymczyszyn 7, Totalske 7, Topaz 7, Haig 7 — Honeyman 8 (Atzela), McGachey 9, Boyle 9 — McGregor 8, Manecia 6 (Koullanos), Norris 6.  
**STATE UNDER 19:** Nkolle 7 (Bontal) — Libralto 6, Malavazon 6, Donnelly 8, Vavavica 8 — Tyspek 7, Aikens 7 (Hood), Edwards 8 — Bell 6, Mirkela 7, Pellizzari 6 (Drew).  
**CUMBERLAND 1** (Leane 24th) **PARA HILLS 0**.  
**CUMBERLAND:** Johnson 7 — Leane 7, Parks 7, Hawes 7, Ball 7 — G. Pankhurst 7 (D. Pankhurst 7), Mahony 8, Dobney 7 — Leane 7, Welsh 8, Reeves 8.  
**PARA HILLS:** Gale 7 (Prideaux 7) — Edwards 7, Humphries 8, Gannon 7, Vizzari 7 — Amos 8, Tomlinson 7, Toner 7 (Muldoon 7) — Williams 7, Mullen 8, Bell 7.

## SA AMPOLE CUP STANDINGS

GROUP A									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Ad City Giants	2	2	-	-	63	4			
Para Hills	2	1	-	1	31	2			
Cumberland	2	1	-	1	33	2			
Amateurs	2	-	2	1	6	-			
GROUP B									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Second Division	2	2	-	-	31	4			
West Ad Hawks	2	1	-	1	41	2			
Croatia	2	1	-	1	22	2			
State Under 19	2	-	2	0	5	-			

## SCORERS

3 — Maroccie (Adelaide City Giants)  
2 — Villani (Giants), Leane (Cumberland), M. Cahay (West Ad), 2 — Nyskohus (Giants), Leane (Cumberland), Lindsay (Second Division), Amos (Para Hills), Mullen (Para Hills), Humphries (Para Hills), Caggiano (Croatia), Mahony (Cumberland), Jacob (Second Division), Durrant (Second Division), Lesan (Croatia), Papas (Amateurs), McGregor (West Ad), Boyle (West Ad).  
**NEXT ROUND:** Wednesday, February 11 — Croatia v State Under 19 (Group B); Adelaide City Giants v Para Hills (Group A).  
**NEXT WEEK:** Wednesday, February 18 — Cumberland v Amateurs (Group A); West Adelaide Hawks v Second Division (Group B).



LEIF JENSEN

## JUNIOR TRIALS

A series of trials will be held to select this year's Victorian under 16 state squad. The first will be on February 16 at 7 pm, at Middle Park. Any under 16 who would like to compete for a place in the squad should attend. Should anyone require more information he can contact team manager George Wallace on 534-4304 during office hours.

As you know, I am coach of this squad, and as I take my job seriously, I will leave no stone unturned in order to find the best players in Victoria. We will even be touring the country regions to make sure we haven't missed out on a good player.

The question as to whether you may be good enough to qualify for this team or not is something you should leave up to me to decide, but unless you turn up for these trials you will never know. Do remember I am looking for 16 players and this does not mean all of last year's under 15 state squads boys. They are on trial as well as anyone else.

Should you have the idea that it is not important to be a member of this squad, let me remind you that coaches from all over the country will be watching you play in the national championships.

You easily could be selected for the State or the national youth squads the following year.

If for some reason you are unable to attend you should phone Mr Wallace, giving your reasons as to why you can't make it. Remember, you should always be proud to represent your State or your country... I am!

# Wilkinson, Palinkas fire

**BRISBANE City Gladiators 1** (Wilkinson 38th) **Mt Gravatt 0**.

**GLADIATORS** — Coe 7, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 7, Dunne 7, Wilkinson 8, Gaffney 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Palinkas 8, Wilkinson 8, McVeigh 8 (Kelso 68th).

**MT GRAVATT** — Davis 7, Clark 7, Yessell 7, Ferguson 7, Concoran 8, Rooney 6 (Stewart 83rd), Fraser 8, Thompson 8, Head 8, Bohan 5, Reid 6.

Brisbane City looks to have two gladiators who really could live up to the name in the Phillips League this year, if last Sunday's first round Phillips Cup match is any indication.

The Gladiators accepted sweet revenge for last season when they beat State League premiers Mt Gravatt 1-0 on terrible conditions at Perry Park.

The two players who should between them help to chalk up some goalscoring action are

**Bruce Waddell**

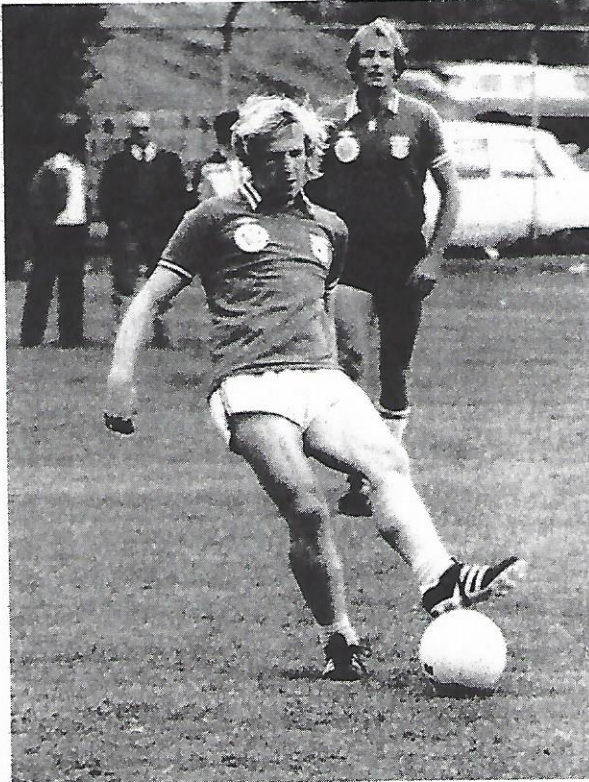


winger Joe Palinkas and

In the first half against Mt Gravatt Palinkas, looking fitter than he's ever been, created absolute havoc on the right wing.

Admittedly, Palinkas will be up against much stronger opposition in the PSL but his boots-and-all attitude will help to compensate for that.

At least six times in the first half, Palinkas, getting great



Jim Shirra — formerly of Dundee, Stanraer, Aberdeen and Falkirk — one of South Melbourne's big hopes against Marconi at Middle Park on Sunday.

# Mitchell scores a scorcher

**ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 4** (Mitchell 17th, Marocchi 19th, 2, Nyskohus 70th, Northcote 80th) **CROATIA 2** (Williams 60th, Caggiano 64th), **Philips Cup first round**.

**GIANTS:** Marshall 7 — Nyskohus 7, Jones 7, Bear 7, Russell 7 — Dode 8, Marocchi 7, Signora 8 — Mitchell 7, Nyskohus 7, Villani 7 (Northcote).

**CROATIA:** Przytycki 7 — Donnelly 7, Kotar 7, Hard 7, Williams 7 — Thomson 7, Pope 8 (Jordan), Leane 8 (Hicli) — Caggiano 7, Maron 6, Hayes 8.

Youth Soccerer David Mitchell scored a vital goal to lead Adelaide City Giants to a 4-2 win over Croatia in a first round Philips Cup match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

But the Giants had to overcome plucky Croatia in the second half when if appeared an upset was possible.

Croatia had erased the Giants' two goal lead with two fine shots from Tommy Williams and Steve Caggiano in a four minute burst early in the second half.

But a Buggy Nyskohus free kick in the 70th minute and a powerful shot from Brian Northcote four minutes later sealed victory for the Giants.

The big talking point of the day was Croatia's fight back but Mitchell's incredible goal.

The lucky striker stormed into the penalty area to meet a Marocchi

**Meno Tousidis**



corner kick and struck a ferocious volley into the top left hand corner. Such was the power of the shot that some players thought the ball went out of the stadium.

But fortunately for Croatia the ball in fact rested in a far corner of the net.

Marocchi scored the Giants' second goal with a fine ground shot which went in off the post.

The Giants looked away in command except for a fifteen minute period in the second half when Croatia hit back with two goals.

**GARY MAROCCHI**

greater co-operation in the future.

"Croatia expressed the wish that Zagreb returns to Australia and includes in its itinerary a friendly match against Croatia," the statement said.

"Dinamo agreed in principle and invited Croatia to be Dinamo's guest at the Maksimir Stadium should Croatia find it possible to visit Zagreb."

"The two clubs agreed to maintain close contact and help each other wherever possible."

ever at least will have been provided with evidence that his players are fighting fit, as the majority of them were not far behind the level maintained by Palinkas and Wilkinson.

Ironically, when Wilkinson did score the only goal of the match, Palinkas was not involved.

This time it was Scottish striker John McVeigh, who struggled in the heat, who ran at the defence before slipping a perfect ball to Wilkinson, who turned and rammed home with his left foot.

The other significant incident for the Gladiators was the first appearance this season by Barry Kelso, who said he would never play for the club again and had a \$25,000 transfer fee on his head.

Kelso has not been training long but was assigned the role on the bench by Potter, a decision which did not please another Gladiators striker, Kevin Low.

Low had played impressively during pre-season matches and was obviously upset when passed over for a rapid comeback by the lumbering but dangerous Kelso.

Judging by the ovation Kelso received when he replaced McVeigh, the City supporters are obviously glad to see him back.

This victory, which takes City along the road in its quest for a third Phillips Cup, could well turn out to be one of its

# Tansey hurt in big loss

**Footscray J.U.S.T. (Eagles) finally hit top form in beating Heidelberg United 3-0 in a practice match at Olympic Park No. 2 ground last Sunday.**

Heidelberg left back Jim Tansey sustained a leg injury during the match and may have to miss the opening PSL game against Leichhardt in Sydney on Sunday.

Tansey had to be replaced during the match. Heidelberg also had to do without midfielder Jim Campbell who was ill.

Midfielder Joe Piccone was in scintillating form, showing off all his renowned ball skill and also scoring the first goal.

Vlatko Belic, also playing in midfield, was another Footscray star.

Dragan Vasic and Bruno Cozzella scored the second and third goals.

Footscray signed only one new player, full back Sean Pearson, from Frankston, during the off-season. Coach Vlatko Belic has been concentrating on moulding the present players into a tighter unit.

His good work was evident against Heidelberg as his players performed feats of the highest calibre despite the oppressive heat.

It was Footscray's second game in as many days. It had beaten Billy Vojtek's Western Suburbs 3-1 in a game of three 30-minute periods on the Saturday.

Against Heidelberg, Jim Kondorovic marked Gary Cole and Kyri Kyriakoulas picked up Jamie Paton, with Zoran Ilioski playing libero behind them.

The line-up was: Boland — Ilioski — Parton (Petrov half time), Kyriakoulas, Kondorovic, Milne — Jovanovic, Piccone, Belic — Vasic, Smic (Cozzella 70th).

Jim O'Reilly returned after trying to join Preston and had a run against Western Suburbs on Saturday. Others in the squad include Chris, Hazabent, Smurgeski and Suleiman. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

**Taiwan game in Brisbane**

Australia will play a World Cup qualifying match against Taiwan at Perry Park in Brisbane on Wednesday night, June 10.

The match has been slotted in midway through eight round one World Cup qualifying matches in Australia: New Zealand, Fiji and Taiwan.

The Soccer Federation began the long road to Spain against New Zealand in Auckland on April 25.

This will be followed by the return clash against the Kiwis in either Sydney or Melbourne on May 16.

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The venue has yet to be decided, but the Australian Soccer Federation said the venue would be either Sydney or Melbourne.

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# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

## CUBILLAS AT PENAROL

**LUIS CUBILLAS**, the Uruguayan who coached Newell's Old Boys in Argentina last season after taking Olimpia (Paraguay) to the first division title, Libertadores Cup and then Inter-continental Cup wins, returned home to coach Penarol (one of the clubs he played for) for a \$150,000 signing-on fee and about \$12,000 a month. Paraguay wanted him to coach their national team, but he asked for \$400,000 which was far more than the Paraguayan FA could afford.

## ZIKA NIKOLIC

"FUDBAL JE PROSTA IGRA..." Pred prijateljsku utakmicu i zadnju probu pred početak petog prvenstva Philips Nationalje Lige Australije, koji su odigrani prošle nedjelje na Olimpijskom stadionu u Sydneyu, trener "Molca" svestit će da je fudbal vrlo prosta igra, ali je nerazumna što se igraju ljudi, koji vole da kompliciraju stvari i probleme. Takav je slučaj sa nama. I onda je pokušao svakom da objasni šta radi pograno, a koje je dosao do Josipa Pionice maza i uhitio se za glavu. Inko prividno nizaletarstvom i veselo, on to u stvari nije, jako je iznenadjen, a majstor fudbala. Trener Cirkovic mi je sve rekao, a pozvao je njegovog najboljeg prijatelja Denis Bolenda da to potvrdi. Nije A STAMPU. STA JE Bolend rekao Pionici na početku samovoljno, ali je završio sledećim rečima: "Najbolji igrač, koji pravi najveće gluposti".

Trener Cirkovic je bio svestan vrednosti i igrača J.U.S.T.-a i Aleksandra, koji daje kostur reprezentaciji Viktorije i Australije. "Igrate veceras protiv najbolje ekipe, ali zapamtite sta sam vam rekao ranije, da je fudbal prosta igra. Ne dirajte, držite loptu brzim dodavanjem sto duze u vasim nogama i videcete sta ce biti." Verovatno, ni sam nije verovao u bilo kakvu pobedu, ali je priznavao caskan poraz. Ali to je bilo odvise, posle lose igre sa Altonom Gate, Fawkesom i Broadmeadom.

Medjutim, igrači su prvi put poslušali doslovce svog trenera i preagali moćnog Aleksandra sa 3:0 (1:0). Da sudija, koji je sebe nazvao "letimic Skotlandjenom", nije zaboravio da je Vlatko Belic pokrenuo u kasnom prostoru i kada je Benon sa obe ruke zauzeo "ploču" masnu, poraz bi bio takle ubedljiv. Josip Pionice je bio veliki maestro ove igre i inspiracija za sva drugova, koji su prostom igrom razbili favorita, koji se svejeli mudro otkazane renome velikom timu. Slobodan Jovanovic i Zoran Ilković su zajedno sa Pionicom "bratstvo" trojica, koje je kreirala igra i nedmudila protivnika u napadu i odbrani. Ostali su se manje vise odlicno uklopili i njihove sinfonije, koje je potpisao umirala "ratna" trube Aleksandrovih novijaca. Treba dodati, da je Jim Milne procenio svaku namenu ove velike trojke i mnogo je bila zadavna protivnicu odbrani. Svi tri gola, koji su postigli u velikom stilu Pavle Simic, Dragan Vasic i Bruno Corzale, su remek delo svoje vrste.

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Obecao sam da ne mnogo ljudi su do nevoljivo igru i veliku pobedu "plavich", koje je svakom opravdano otpisao iz spiska "živih", sto su tice Philips lige. Ali fudbal je cudna igra i u njemu je sve moguće. Zato sa strpljenjem treba slediti prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu J.U.S.T.-a iz Australije u Newcastleu, gde se sve moze dogoditi, ako ova pobeda uide u igru. Vec posle utakmica su pale izjave i ucene, koje mogu zavest na samonog igrača, narocito Zorana Ilkovic, Josipa Pionice i Vlatka Belica, kojima je trener Cirkovic davao namu svakog koda su imali "skidali glava". U drugom Klubu, gde treneri nemaju obzira za nase jugoslovenske i belkanske emocije, sva trojica bi bili izbrisani i odbaceni odavde, sto pokazuje silu i veliki talenat Mende Ristovski, koje Cirkovic (zajedno sa Mikevicem) urek ima ne umu, kade prvi planove za skorbu buducnosti J.U.S.T.-a u Philips lige.

Plao bih vise o Makedoniji kade bih imao vise podataka. Ali letimic prosljednog pobedu od 8:0 nad Dovetonom, koje recito govorniku ucenju navela im Makedonije. Golove su postigli: Robert Cullen 3, Con Stoykov 2, George McMillan i Peter Orlant 1. Iako, kao u slučaju J.U.S.T.-a, u sta ova pobeda uide u igru igračima, Makedonija ce imati mnogo tezi posao sa Canberra City, u prvoj utakmici za Philips ligu, nego sto bi ga normalno imalo.

## JUGO-TUNIR U SPRINGVALU

Pod pokroviteljstvom jugoslovenske auro-jugoslavije igra se Springval na igralistu Bratstva/Jedinstva turnira jugoslovenskih klubova u Melburnu i okolini. Mistroraz je bio nedolazak Hawksburna, koji planira turneju po jugoslovenski iz pomoć JAT-a (1). Odigrane su tri četvrtfinalne utakmice, gde je Carlton/Vardar bio slobodan i bez borbe se ušetio u polufinale. Rezultati četvrt-finala (2 x 35 min):

**TARAX - BORNA UT** 1:0 (0:0). Jedini gol je postigao Drago Kresinger sa 20 metara u 60. minutu. Napostupni Tarax, koji je pomogao Bratislav Rankovic, iznenađen dolaskom iz Jugoslavije (nije mu ameta iznenađen promena podjednako kao igraćima Partizana, Zvezde, Vardara i Dinamo, zaslužen je uspeh u polufinalu, iako su i igrači Borne mogli lako da naprave silican podvig, ali nisu imali bracu Kazi Kozan.

**J.U.S.T. - ALTONA UT** 1:0 (0:0). Kazu da je ova bila najbolja utakmica prvog dana turnira, a pobedi su zaslužen "plavi", koji su imali mnogo umiranih igrača, koji su 12 sa ranije ubedljivo pobedili Western Suburbs sa 3:1. Umoran je bio narocito Milan Stojilovic, koji je postigao dva gola, a sutitje mi je primao troje, najpazi zgodit utakmicu. Stralac: Vasko Stojilovic i Dany Asekci iz jedanaestca za J.U.S.T. i Vito Revellino za Vojvodinu.

**BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO "A" - "B" 9:2 (5:0).** Dva sastava domaćina nisu bili podjednaka, sto pokazuje rezultat ove utakmice. Ilić, Milenko Culibek 3, Dragoslav Jelicic 2, Goran Vojlovic, George Kaim, Stevan Jelicic i Nebojsa Dragovic za "A" tim, Tomislav Okovic sa tim, Branko Polanek sa tim i Vasko Stojilovic za "B" tim.

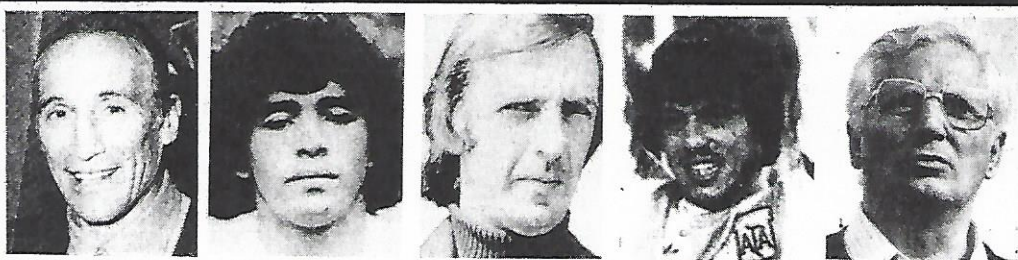
Iduce nedelje se igraju polufinalne i finalne u punom vremenu (2 x 45 min) na igralistu Bratstva/Jedinstva u Kaysborough, Perry Rd. (My 34 E 2). Zreb ce se obaviti u 9,30 pre podne, a prva utakmica pocinje u 10 sati.

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# Uruguay perched on world throne

## The squads

Uruguay won the Mundialita — the Gold Cup — against the previous World Cup winners, through a combination of sheer skill, tactical discipline and fighting power.

Here is the story of the tournament, in statistics and post-match comments by coaches and players:

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## ADELAIDE GIANTS

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067  
**SECRETARY:** C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).  
**COACH:** B. D'Ottavi  
**GROUND:** Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington  
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618  
**COLOURS:** Black, white  
 This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at  
 Olympic Sportsfield (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm



## LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040  
**SECRETARY:** H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688  
**COACH:** W. Wallace  
**GROUND:** Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)  
**PROMOTION OFFICER:** T. Raciti 82 0187  
**COLOURS:** Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

## ADELAIDE HAWKS

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001  
**SECRETARY:** P. Stilianopolous (08) 352 1494  
**COACH:** B. Birch  
**GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.  
**COLOURS:** Blue white stripes, blue shorts  
**SPONSOR:** Dominion Finance  
 This week's match: v **BRISBANE GLADIATORS** at  
 Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2 pm



## NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289  
**SECRETARY:** P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)  
**COACH:** A. VEST  
**GROUND:** International Sports Centre,  
 Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224  
**SPONSOR:** Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at  
 International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 3 pm

## BLACKTOWN DEMONS

62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147  
 624 3344  
**SECRETARY:** P. R. Thorne (624 3344)  
**COACH:** R. Rasic  
**GROUND:** Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills  
**COLOURS:** White, red blk trim  
 Black, red white trim Black, red white  
 This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at  
 Gabbie Stadium (Sydney) Saturday 5 pm



## MARCONI LEOPARDS

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176  
**SECRETARY:** M. Urukalo (02) 604 5095  
 604 5222  
**COACH:** R. Blanco  
**GROUND:** Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park  
**COLOURS:** White & red, blue trim  
**SPONSOR:** Datsun  
 This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS** at Middle Park Stadium (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



## BRISBANE GLADIATORS

P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001  
 Ph: 356 8834  
**SECRETARY:** G. Canale (07) 52 4711  
**COACH:** G. Potter  
**GROUND:** Spencer Park  
**SPONSOR:** Stock 84 Brandy  
 This week's match: v **ADELAIDE HAWKS**  
 at Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2 pm



## PRESTON RAMS

211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065  
**SECRETARY:** P. Mouka 651 2401  
**COACH:** B. Edgley  
**GROUND:** B. T. Connor Reserve,  
 Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.  
**COLOURS:** Red, black, gold  
 This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at  
 B. T. Connor Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

## BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076  
**SECRETARY:** L. Oudendyk  
**COACH:** M. Carson  
**GROUND:** Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands  
 (07) 372 2989  
**COLOURS:** Orange and Blue  
 This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at  
 Gabbie Stadium (Sydney) Saturday 5 pm



## STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, Vic, 3182  
**HONORARY SECRETARY:** N. Sagiakos,  
 528 6196 (Bus) (Restaurant 534 4141)  
**COACH:** J. Margaritis  
**GROUND:** Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park.  
**COLOURS:** Blue and white.  
 This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at  
 Middle Park Stadium (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



## CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215  
**SECRETARY:** R. Preston 48 8215  
**COACH:** G. Murray  
**GROUND:** National Athletic Stadium, Bruce  
**SPONSOR:** "Lotto"  
**COLOURS:** White with multi colour stripes  
 This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at  
 B. T. Connor Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



## SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017  
**SECRETARY:** N. Smilis 88 1337-  
**COACH:** T. Docherty  
**GROUND:** Pratten Park  
**COLOURS:** Royal blue, white



This week's match: v **WOLLONGONG WOLVES** at  
 Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm

## HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066  
**MANAGER:** O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus)  
 459 4652 (AH)  
**SECRETARY:** S. Rombotis 428 3720  
**COACH:** M. Polukakis  
**GROUND:** Olympic Park (03) 42 0642  
**COLOURS:** Blk and gold  
 This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT STRIKERS** at Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



## SYDNEY SLICKERS

61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026  
**SECRETARY:** D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)  
 (AH) 525 7734  
**COACH:** E. Thomson  
**GROUND:** Sydney Athletic Field  
**SPONSOR:** Presto Smallgoods  
**COLOURS:** Sky blue, white hoops  
 (White shorts) red socks  
 This week's match: v **ADELAIDE GIANTS** at  
 Olympic Sportsfield (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm



## FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182  
**SECRETARY:** L. Tanovski, 470 4734  
**COACH:** C. Cirkovic  
**GROUND:** Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray  
**COLOURS:** Blue, white, red.  
 This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS** at International Sports Centre  
 (Newcastle) Sunday 3 pm



## WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG  
**SECRETARY:** R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)  
**COACH:** K. Morton  
**GROUND:** Wollongong Showgrounds  
**COLOURS:** Red, white trim  
 This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS**  
 at Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm